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Kremlin

decree

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split

Front Mary Dejevsky

President Gorbachov last night used his all-encompassing new powers to order regulations curbing Lithua-

The new measures include increased security at the bor-

ders, a ban on possessing firearms, and restrictions on foreigners. The decree, said the Lithuanians were ignoring a resolu-

tion by the national parlia-ment declaring the indepen-dence act void.

President Landsbergis of Lithuania said in an interview that he boped for stronger Western support if Moscow

continued its "aggression". Mr Landsbergis told a Danish

newspaper that the situation

was reminiscent of 1940,

when the Soviet Union incor-porated Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia.

Mr Gorbachov's decree ordered a ban on the sale of

hunting weapons and ordered all people in Lithnania to turn

in all weapons in seven days

"for temporary storage" by the Interior Ministry or have

The decree ordered the Foreign and Interior Min-

istries to tighten the issue of

visas to foreigners and called

for measures to stop foreigners

violating rules governing their

Border troops of the KGB

security service were ordered

to adopt "necessary measures

to strengthen the guard on border regions." The Soviet Government and security forces were told to "ensure

observance of the Constitu-

tion and defend the rights and

lawful interests" of all res-

Mr Gorbachov's orders

were issued two days after the

republic's new leadership de-

fied a Kremlin order to re-

scind its proclamation and

Mr Gorbacbov responded

Monday by ordering stepped-

up controls on strategic

The decree, which came on

the same day as the Supreme

Soviet debated legislation that

would allow republics to se-

cede, followed an appeal to

President Gorbachov by a

group of Soviet parliamentari-

ans of the group Soyuz, who wanted direct presidential rule

Lithuanian deputies on

Tuesday sent a telegram to the

Kremlin complaining about increased activity of Soviet

return to the Soviet fold.

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Inflation and Budget fears

Labour far ahead in new Mid Staffs poll

phoria was rapidly punctured yesterday as the pound slumped, prompting fears of a further interest rate rise the could take inflation into double figures in the

As ministers struggled to defend Mr John Major's strategy against City disdain, their gloom was deepened by a MORI poll indicating almost certain defeat in today's Mid Staffordshire by-election.

Bank of England officials yesterday intervened to sup-port the pound after it fell to 85.3 on the trade-weighted index and by the close it stood at 35.5, the lowest since the rem on sterling in January 1987. The pound closed at \$3.5935, down 1.88 cents, and ock market fell almost 30 pol is in early trading, but recovered to 2250.3, down 9.4 on the day.

The Chancellor refused to be panicked into an interest rate rise, saying the City had reacted adversely to previous Budgets, but the situation had corrected itself. This was not a Budget for today, tomorrow or the next day, but the first in a pries aimed at achieving a low-inflation, high-growth

He did not, bowever, rule

INSIDE £363 poll tax average

The average community charge for the coming year will be £363, about £85 higher than the reasonable figure originally set by the Government.

Mr Chris Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment. announced the average in the Commons, It represents an overshoot on total local authority spending of some £3 billion above what the Govemment considers fair and

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Football's £100 million concession, announced in the Budget to help clubs provide all-scater stadiums, was welcomed yesterday hy Lord Justice Taylor, whose sugges-

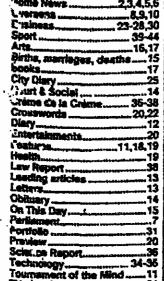
De Klerk talks

President F. W. de Klerk and Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, met in Windhoek, the first ever meeting between a South African head of state and a

Quinnen quits

Mr Peter Quinnen, the chairman and chief executive of securities house James Capel, resigned suddenly after policy differences with Capel's parent Hongkong & Shanghai Page 23

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drive £ down

By Robin Oakley and Philip Webster

necessary, it will happen," he said. "It is a judgement I will make as and when it occurs."
The Prime Minister's deep

anger with the City was made puin by Downing Street. She was said to be scornful of its lack of sophistication and to believe that the Budget was both "tough and fair".

Her response to City accusations that it was too soft and that Mr Major had appeased backbenchers rather than at-tack economic problems was said to be: "Go tell that to

mortgage payers."

Mrs Thatcher's problems will be compounded today when Labour is expected to wipe out the 14,654 majority in Mid Staffordshire and take the seat by some 12,500 votes. Such a spectacular success would be only the sixth Lab-our by-election gain from the onservatives in 25 years and the biggest Conservative-Labour swing since the 1930s.

She also faces the prospect of a big jump in inflation next month, when poll tax bills and increased excise duties are expected to add more than one percentage point to the retail prices index. Further rises are expected in the following months to a peak of about 9.3 per cent in August; but Mr Roger Bootle of Midland Montaga said that if interest rates had to go up again, inflation could reach double

Although Conservative defeat in Mid Staffordshire has been expected and to some extent discounted already, a result on the lines indicated by MORI will intensify the strains on Mrs Thatcher's leadership and further weaken City confidence in the party's prospects of winning the next election - a key factor in the weakness of the pound.

The poll, conducted in Mid Staffordshire since Tuesday's Budget, show party support at: Labour 55 per cent, Conscr-vatives 28, Liberal Democrats 9, SDP 4, Green Party 3, others 1 per cent.

The figures represent a 26.5 per cent Conservative to Labour swing since the General

However, fewer than half of those intending to vote Labour today are doing so because they back the party's policies, and another 40 per cent are doing so as a protest against the Government. A quarter

Conservative Budget eu- out further rate rises. "If it is were likely to vote for a different party at the next

> Since the poll tax is at the root of the Government's troubles in Mid Staffordshire, further grim news lies ahead for the Conservatives in the May local elections.

However, most Tory MPs remain convinced that the Chancellor has got his strategy right. In the Commons Budget debate yesterday, Mr Norman Lamont, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, declared: "Pain there will also be. By this time there will also be. By this time next year the prospects will be distinctly brighter."

He said the Budget was right for the circumstances, cautious, prudent, firm, neutral and accompanied by a monetary policy that the Government is determined to maintain until inflation markedly reduced."

To those who maintained it had not been tight enough, the Government would point to the very large fiscal surplus, a surplus unequalled by any country in the world other than Japan, Mr Lamont said.

It was obvious that the increases in inflation had their origins in monetary policy; that was why the response should be a monetary one through high interest rates. Mr John Smith, the shadow

Chancellor, said the Budget was at best irrelevant and at worst positively harmful to the Government's objectives enabling Britian to seize the economic opportunities of the 1990s. "Britain's inflation was made at home and the authors are on the Government front bench and the odd one on the

The Government kept scoring inflationary own goals, he said. It was to blame for increased prices in public transport, electricity, water, prescription charges and for the high rise in council rents

Today will see publication of the February trade figures hich are expected to show a fall from January's £1.9 hillion current account deficit to

around £1.3 hillion.

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Inflation may reach 9% peak in August

inflation will rise in the next few months to a peak of more of 7.7 per cent is expected to than 9 per cent before starting to fall. The highest rate is likely to occur just as the autumn pay round begins, raising fears of higher wages, falling competitiveness and rising unemployment.

In the Budget Mr John Major, the Chancellor, forecast that inflation would fall 10 71/4 per cent by the end of the year. But before then a combination of the poli tax, e rise in mortgage rates and the increase in excise duties on cigarettes, drink and petrol will push it up bigher.

The January inflation rate have fallen a little when February's figures are announced tomorrow. But it will begin to rise in March because recent mortgage rate

The big jump will come in April when inflation is likely to rise by more than I per cent to nearly 9 per cent. This will reflect poll tax increases and the new Budget excise duties. Stockbrokers James Capel expect a peak of 9.3 per cent in

Playwright at the Palace parade



Close inspection: President Havel of Czechoslovakia, the former playwright and dissident, before his meeting with the Queen at Buckingham Palace yesterday at the start of his state visit. Reports, pages 8 and 22.

New inquiry ordered on Birmingham Six

By Quentin Cowdry and Stewart Tendler

Devon and Cornwall detec- raised with the Home Office sentences in 1975.Last year rives are to begin a fresh but limited inquiry into new evi-dence put forward on behalf of the Birmingham Six, Mr Secretary,

doubts about the convictions of the six - Hugh Power, Patrick Hill, Gerry Hunter, Richard McIlkenny, Billy Power and Johnny Walker -Mr Waddington could send the case to the Court of Appeal for its third hearing.

He could also use the Royal Prerogative to pardon the men or remit their sentences, although the mer. could soon be released on licence anyway.

After the announcement of the inquiry in a parliamentary written answer the Home Secretary said he thought it "right in all the circumstances" that certain points

by solicitors acting for the Birmingham Six should be further examined. "A great deal of material David Waddington, the Home was offered to the Home

announced Office by solicitors acting for If the inquiry supports it right in all the circumstances to ask for the assistance of the chief constable (of the West Midlands) who, in turn, has decided to ask for the help of the Devon and Cornwall police," he said. Devon and Cornwall offi-

cers carried out investigations three years ago for a hearing before the Court of Appeal which ended in the rejection of the men's case two years

They will now begin work again on a case prompted by the bombing of two Birmingham public houses 16 years ago in which 21 people died. The six each received life

Romania violence

nia since the December revolution, three people have been killed and 226 injured as ethnic Hungarians and Romanians fought in the town of Tirgu Mures.

petrol bombs and bear oppocers shown hy police

As Mr Waddington made A dozen tanks and 500 his announcement, Mr John Patten, the Home Office Minpeated the Government's challenge to Mr Chris Mullin, land South, to reveal the names of the men he says

3 dead in

By Daniel Treisman

In the worst clashes in Roma-

declared in the town, 280 miles north of Bucharest, after crowds had thrown stones and nents with wooden staves. A lorry careered out of control through the town centre, crashing into the town half

soldiers and police guarded the centre of the town as tension between the two communities, which had simmered since the overthrow of Nicolae Ceausescu, boiled over this week. The two sides also attacked each other with clubs and scythes on Tuesday

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Bond sells 'Irises' for £25m

By Sarah Jane Checkland **Art Market Correspondent**

Van Gogh's "Irises", the world's most expensive paint-ing, has been sold by Mr Alan Bond to the Getty Museum for £25 million.

The news, announced from the California museum last night, ends three months of speculation about the painting's future, as the Australian husinessman's business em-

pire crumbled. Mr John Walsh, the museum's director, said: " 'Irises' has a power that nobody can miss. A picture this important needs a permanent home, and we're overjoyed that it can be

the Getty' Mr Bond bought the painting after the stock market Riding the wave, page 27 | crash of October, 1987, for

'Think tank' chief **Rothschild dies**

By Michael Evans

entist, head of the Government "think tank" in the early 1970s, banker and a countersabotage expert in MI5 during the Second World War, has died aged 79.

Although since 1975 he was chairman of the famous merchant bank that bears his name, his reputation was based on a career that embraced a huge range of talents.

Mr Edward Heath, who as Prime Minister in 1971 set up the Central Policy Review Staff - known as the think tank - said Lord Rothschild made a "major contribution to our national affairs".

Lord Rothschild "proved to be a stimulating influence. bringing together a remarkable team from both inside and outside the home and

Lord Rothschild, brilliant sci- foreign civil service. He inspired them not only to work together hut to approach each problem that I presented to them with a fresh mind, producing both depth of analysis and a variety of possible solutions."

the campaign to free the six

received a boost when the West Midlands ordered a

corruption inquiry into the

force's serious crime squad

from whose ranks the original

Guildford Four were freed by

the Court of Appeal after

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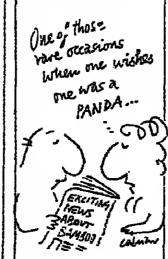
documents.

In recent years, Lord Rothschild's name was linked to the Spycatcher affair. Mr Peter Wright became

close friends with Lord Rothschild, who worked in M15 as a wartime bomh expert.

Mr Wright disclosed in 1986 that Lord Rothschild wrote to him in 1980 io Tasmania where he was living, asking him to help rebut allegations that he was a spy, following the exposure of his friend Anthony Blunt.

Made-to-order bamboo bloom to save pandas



By Pearce Wright Science Editor

Scientists have discovered how to make the bamboo bloom to order - a breakthrough that might have come just in time to rescue the world's declining population of pandas.

The discovery reported today has wide implications in the Far East where the plant is widely used for fodder and in construction as well as being the main diet for the panda. Its importance would be "difficult to exaggerate", according to Dr David Hanke, a senior scientist at Cambridge University.

The advance at the root of the excitement comes from an investigation into the growth of the bamboo plant. Its main varieues flower only once in a lifetime, which may follow a barren period of between 12 and 120 years.

Although the blooming is a rare event,

bappening perhaps only twice a century, it is catastrophic for a full-grown giant panda, which can eat 33lb a day, because the flowering makes it inedible.

Moreover, the adult stems wither and the much-loved bear, which numbers about 1,000 in the wild and fewer than 20 in capitivity, faces a famine for two to three years.

The descriptions by botanists of the unpredictable biological clock by which stands of bamboo burst into flower and set seed seem to verge almost on the mystical Bamboo transplanted in parks and gardens thousands of miles from its natural habitat, apparently even as cuttings, flowers exactly at the same time as relatives in Asia.

Now a group of researchers working with Dr A F Mascarenhas, at the National Chemical Laboratory, in Pune, India, with help from scientists at Wye College, London University, have

shown in the laboratory greenhouse how to break this extraordinary cycle and make bamboo flower to order. The results of the research are

published in the latest issue of the journal Nature. The scientists describe a series of experiments in which they were studying ways of accelerating plant growth and flowering by feeding the soil with various combinations of nutrients.

It was after treatment with nutrient supplement containing a plant hormone and coconut milk that the plants hurst into early flower and the researchers found they could repeat the process. Dr Hanke says: "This is extraordinary in that, intact and in soil, seedlings of the

two species concerned would with

dogged persistence have grown without flowering for 30 years." If the phenomenon is reproduced in all species of bamboo the pandas' supper

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Poll tax average '£85 higher than reasonable'

The average community charge for the coming year will be £363, £85 higher than the figure set by the Government as reasonable.

Mr Chris Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, announced the average in the Com-mons yesterday. It represents an overshoot on total local authority spending of some £3 billioo above what the Government considers to be fair and reasonable.

The figure, based on budget returns from almost all local authorities, compares with the sum of £278 which Mr Patten said last November would be the average if local authorities adhered to Whitehall spending targets. They were based on a total spending assessment for the country of £32.8

The new average was given amid growing anger, some from Tory MPs, over the Government's refusal to backdate the Budget poll tax concessions for pensioners to Scottish pensiooers.

Mr Teddy Taylor, a senior Tory backbencher and former Scottish Office minister, said it "insulted" the people of Scotland in a speech be made in his Soothend East

Mr John Major announced on Tuesday the doubling from £8,000 to £16,000 of the upper limit of savings people can have before they lose entitlement for rebates on poll tax and other social security benefits. However angry Scottish Labour MPs interrupted the speech, demanding these concessions be made retrospective in ignore at our peril." However Mr Scotland, where the poll tax has operated for a year.

Mr Taylor said yesterday: "As a former Scottish MP I felt like climbing the walls of the Commons with embarrassment when the Chancellor announced he was making a major concession on poll tax rebates because of the concern expressed south of the border at the new tax

"When a year ago a request was made to help the less well off in Scotland over the poll tax the Government said 'co'. Why is it when English people complain something is done immediately? "I can only describe this as an insult on the part of the GovernTaylor admitted it would be near impossible to backdate the con-

cession in Scotland.
"The right answer is to allocate an appropriate extra rate support grant to Scotland to take account of the anomaly so that every Scot would benefit," be said.

"The Scots should now knock on Mr Major's door to ask if something could be given in grant to Scotland to take account of the special circumstances there." His call was echoed in the

Commons Budget debate last night by Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, another former minister. Mr Neil Kinnock said: "Justice demands that retrospective reim-

poll tax concession in Scotland.

Mr Donald Dewar, the shadow Scottish secretary, said thousands of Scots who should have got rebates this year had lost out. Mr

for a full year."

ment from all Scots, he said. "It would be monstrous if the small sweetener he has been able to offer was in place from day one in England and Wales while Scots

Major must think again, or face a

new level of bitterness and resent-

Commons motion demanding the

resignation of Mr Malcolm Rif-kind, Secretary of State for Scot-land, for his "failure" to secure the

have been enmeshed in the injusbursement is made to Scottish people with retirement savings tice in the system for a full year." Mr Major said the Oppositioo misunderstood his poll tax meawho have been paying the poll tax Meanwhile a group of Scottish Labour backbenchers tabled a

sure, which was not a one-off proposal. It was part of his effort to help savings — and the allowance also applied to housing benefit, he told a Treasury press conference.

It had never been oormal to backdate such social security legislation and to do so this time would be almost impossible to administer, Mr Major said.

Once those people affected in Scotland realized the implications of the doubling of the savings ceiling they would take a different view from critical commentators and politicians, he said.

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'must pay for seats oversold'

Airlines

Passengers caught out by air-line overbooking should auto-matically be compensated up to the full price of an economy class ticket, the European Commission said vesterday. Airlines often try to cover themselves for passengers who do oot show up by seiling extra tickets.

The commission wants Europe to adopt the American system of asking voluoteers to give up their places before putting others off the aircraft, Compensation would be av-ailable to all who lost a place.

Passengers who wait up to two hours for the next flight should get at least 25 per cent of the economy class price, the commission suggests. For any longer delay, compensation would be 50 per cent, and a replacement ticket.

AMA post

The Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities has chosen as its new secretary Mr Rodney Brooke (David Walker writes). Mr Brooke, aged 50, resigned as chief executive of West-minster after falling out with Lady Porter, the councils Conservative leader

Driver shot

The murder in Belfast yester-day of Mr William McClure, a Protestant driver, by gunmen of the Irish People's Libera-tion Organization, was the first in a possible series, secur-ity sources believe (Edward Gorman writes). Attacks by "loyalists" have left two Cath-olic men deed in two weeks. olic men dead in two weeks.

Family killing

A man who murdered his newborn baby son and stabbed another infant son before killing himself on Tuesday may have done so because of overwork, Birmingham police said (Craig Seton writes). Mr Paul Garrattley, aged 27, was a self-employed roofing con-

Thames safety

Strict regulations aimed at avoiding a repetition of the Marchioness riverboat disas-ter, in which 51 people died last August, will be in force on the Thames by the holiday season (David Sapsted writes). The voluntary measures iotroduced after the accident will become statutory by Easter.

Dumbstruck

The chimes of Big Ben will be silent for the oext three months as the clock undergoes essential repairs (Nigel Wilhammer arm is suffering from metal fatigue and is being

Driver jailed

A motorist who knocked down a woman who was eight months pregnant, causing her baby to be stillborn, was jailed for three months and fined £1 at Liverpool Crown Court . yesterday (Geoff King writes). Mark Wenham, aged 25, admitted reckless driving and driving with excess alcohol.

charge 'is main Tory vote-loser' By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Community

Ninety-one per cent of those interviewed by MORI in the constituency since the Budget said they regarded the poll tax as one of the two or three most important issues.

The next significant issues were cited as interest rates (32 per cent), the National Health Service (27 per cent), education (10 per cent) and the Budget (10 per cent).

Ministers who have been to Mid Staffordshire to support the Conservative campaign admit that they have never seen a by-election so dominated by a single issue.

The voting intention figures of 55 per cent for Labour, 28 per cent Conservative, 9 per cent Liberal Democrat, 4 per cent SDP, 3 per cent for the Greens, and 1 per cent for Others represent a huge turnaround since the general election. Then the result was Conservative 28,644 (50.6 per cent), Labour 13,990 (24.7 per cent), Lib/All 13,114 (23.2) Ind Con 836 (1.5). The Conservative majority was

14,654 (25.9 per cent). Exchequer's Budget speech, have done little or oothing to since the war. improve the Government's atioo oo political factors to the irritation of the

posals were good or bad for were conducted from March the country as a whole, 28 per 20-21, 1990.

There is no doubt what has led voters to desert the Conservatives in droves at the Mid Staffordshire by-election.

cent believed the economy would benefit, 23 per cent believed it would not gain and 49 per cent thought it would

make no difference. Asked how they thought they would fare personally as a result of the Budget, 18 per cent thought it was good for them, 24 per cent thought it would have a bad effect and 58 per cent believed its effect would be negligible.

The researchers asked respondents intending to vote Labour if they were using their vote mainly to support Mr Kinnock's party or as a protest against the Government.

Forty-two per cent said they were mainly supporting Labour and 40 per cent said they were using their vote mainly as a protest. A further 17 per cent said they were motivated equally by both points.

MORI also asked those who intended to vote how likely they were to consider voting for a different party at the general election. Twenty-five Mr Charles Prior, the Conserper cent said they were very or fairly likely to change.

The clear victory indicated for Labour in the by-election when polling starts today confirms a trend which began in The MOR! poll, carried out last year's by-elections. Lab-since the Chancellor of the our bas only once achieved a Exchequer's Budget speech, Conservative-Labour swing of suggests his efforts on Tuesday more than 14 per cent once

MORI reinterviewed 910 image, in spite of his respondents who had preing the campaign, 826 by telephone, 84 face to face, and Asked if they thought Mr a further 93 new respondents John Major's Budget pro- face to face. All interviews

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HOW RECENT POLLS HAVE SEEN MID STAFFORDSHIRE

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Mar 21-22	MORI Times	55	28	9	4	3	3	



Far from the hustings: Mrs Sylvia Heal, the Labour candidate in the Mid Staffordshire by-election, and her husband Keith take a woodland stroll. Conservative gloom despite sweeteners

vative candidate in the Mid Staffordshire by-election, yes-terday spoke of "frustration" at his failure to shake the Labour defences.

His remarks came as Mr Kenneth Baker sought to play down the significance of to-day's poll for the Midlands seat - in a further indication that the Tories have few hopes of keeping their 14,650 majority.

eners in the Budget which appear to have marginally favoured the Conservative

watching this contest to see if Britain would again choose socialism. Yesterday the byelection was simply about Mr

Prior going to Westminster. The culprits needed no introduction in Mr Baker's mind; high interest rates and

the poll tax. The Government

was "going through difficult times", Mr Baker said.

The Tory chairman also described Mrs Sylvia Heal, the Labour candidate, as a "phan-tom operating in a vacuum" a more elegant variation on the "Barbie Doll" theme established by Mr Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader,

next general election.

He said: "It is frustrating Earlier in the campaign, Mr
Baker said that the world was
watching this contest to the said that the world was I am not relying on negative

As befits the nephew of istic" about her prospects, and Lord Prior, the former Cabi-concentrated her efforts on an net Minister, gentleman appeal to her supporters to get farmer, and leading "wet", Mr Prior is an old-style Tory, more a friendly labrador than

MUD STAFFS.

However, there are some in his camp who think the policy decision not to adopt more aggressive tactics has been a

hours of tomorrow morning Mrs Heal who was joined by Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's wheo you are faced with a deputy leader was anxious to candidate and a party that avoid a last-minute slip.

Reporters protested at one attempt to end ber morning press conference prematurely. She was "somewhat optim-

a rottweiler on the hustings. a warning against com-

blacency, a real danger to so with little enthusiasm. Mrs Labour given its recent opin-Shirley Taylor-Hope, aged 44, ion poll lead of more than 20 who had just sold her botel points in the seat.

electorate with a rare opportunity. "Voters here have an opportunity (for) themselves and the whole nation by

tomorrow. Mr Timothy Jones, the Social and Liberal Democrat Conservative Party says withcandidate, could comfort himself with the thought that he their own." has apparently won the race for third place, forging ahead of both the Greens and the

People who had voted Tory in the last Election spoke of their dismay over the Government's performance in the past couple of years.

Even those intending to vote Conservative were doing

and restaurant business and Mr Hattersley said Mid was planning to open a ours-Staffordshire presented the ery, was worried about "crippling" interest rates. But she had a low opinion of

Mr Neil Kinnock and had abandoned thoughts of voting in earlier exchanges.

Mr Prior's more relaxed manner this week suggests he may already anticipate regain
Not that Mr Prior was ensuring that the poll tax—at Green after seeing two of their least in its present form—is spokesmen oo television swept away by Tory Party panic. That is what is at stake ideas."

"Labour have no policies They just deny everything the out having positive ideas of

Mr Prior's problem is that he has not been able to convey that message to a sufficient number of his party's former supporters.

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GPs reject ballot on new contracts By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Representatives of family doctors voted narrowly yesterday against balloting general practitioners on whether to take targets. GPs rejected the contract by three to one in a ballot last September. Yesterday, thousand the conference disruptive action over their A special conference of local medical committees rejected by five votes - 153 to 148 - a

33,000 GPs on sanctions against the contract, which comes into effect on April 1. The conference also rejected

bowed to arguments from Dr new, performance-related Michael Wilson, the chairman of the General Medical Services Committee

"Resignation would damage the NHS, inflict hardship motion to ballot Britain's on many of our colleagues and deprive many of our patients of medical services," he said. Instead, the conference gave

the committee backing to a ballot to find out whether continue its low-key cam-GPs were prepared to resign paign, with the hope of fine-from the National Health tuning the terms over the next paign, with the hope of fine-tuning the terms over the next Service if the new cootracts few months. All GPs are to be sent a red card to express their The cootracts link pay to views on how the contract was the ability to attract new working, and surveys are to be patients and meet screening held later this year.

Charities benefit from big donations

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

national theatre and opera to smaller donations for fear companies are likely to benefit of uodermining existing most from the Budget's proposals for tax relief oo gifts to

Therefore, the charities

But so might some of the less-applauded organizations oo the Charity Commission's list, including bodies asso-ciated with the Unification Church (the Moonies).

Benefit from the Budget will depend on how much of its income a charity gets in single, substantial donations compared with small amounts receives a gift valued at £1,000 raised in appeals to the public. or more about once every From October, gifts worth three weeks. more than £600 - up to a maximum of £5 million per

donor each year - will qualify

The National Trust, the for tax relief. The Chancellor University of Oxford and the said relief was not being given

which receive larger sums look best placed to benefit, and these include the national arts companies which have established themselves as recipients of substantial gifts from business donors.

For example, the National Trust usually receives two to three "major gifts" a week while the Spastics' Society

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System is revised after CPS blunder

By Frances Gibb Legal Affairs Correspondent

New procedures have been introduced to avoid a repetition of the Crown Prosecution Service blunder on Saturday when 16 defendants walked free after the CPS lawyer failed to turn up. The procedures, the result

of a preliminary inquiry, were announced yesterday by Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, Attorney General, to the Commons home affairs committee. Sir Patrick said the incident, which occurred when a lawyer acting as an agent for the CPS failed to cover a court hearing

at Brent, west London, was

"extremely regrettable". Some of the defendants have been

recharged. The Attorney General said that in future all agent lawyers needed for court work would be "duly booked and the booking confirmed in writ-ing". There would also be contingency arrangements for when the booked lawyer, "for whatever reason failed to

The CPS director for field operations had circulated all areas in England and Wales requiring them to put such procedures in place.

CORRECTION.

Nine per cent of general surgery patients in Croydon health authority have been waiting for over a year, not 98 per cent as reported on March 8. The figure applies to the Letters, page 13 | year ending March 31, 1989.

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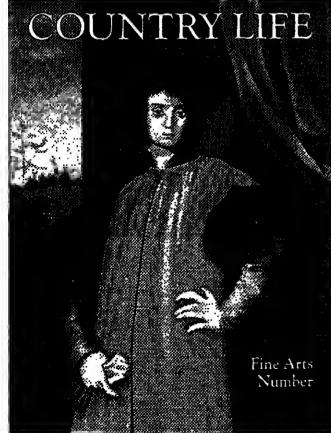
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Gems from the National Gallery: what paintings can say about jewels

Young British painters: why now is the time to collect them Ducal splendour: the Sutherland portraits at Dunrobin Restoring one of the Country's greatest sculpture galleries Why Edinburgh's new medal collection was such a shrewd buy

Plus the usual informed coverage of gardens, wildlife, sport, architecture, collecting, the countryside, farming, fashion and property.

> COUNTRY LIFE **EVERY THURSDAY**

Child sex link feared over bogus social workers

By Peter Davenport

returned with a man saying

they had warrants in take the

children into care. The mather

challenged the couple, whn

were also issued.

A team of 12 detectives yes- children or it could be part of a Barnsley, a boy aged three was terday began to investigate a series of incidents in which ehild." bogus social workers have examined children for sexual abuse and, on at least one occasion, tried to remove ngsters from their home claiming to have court war-rants to take them into care.

Senior police officers believe the incidents may be part of a determined attempt to steal children, who might then be subjected to much more serious offences.

The decision to set up the special investigation unit was taken by South Yorkshire Police after seven separate incidents in the area since January 30. Officers have already contacted other forces and the Home Office computer system for large inquiries, Holmes, has been brought in to use.

On February 1 at Lawrence Court, Swinton, a man called at a house and asked in Yesterday the officer in at a house and asked in charge of the inquiry, Det Supt examine a boy aged three. His David Foss, said: "These mother threatened to call the people may gain some sort uf police and he left. perverse sexual pleasure nut of On February 8, on the these examinations of naked Athersley North Estate at



examined by a woman claim-ing to be a social worker. She Police said they were treatproduced an identity card ing all seven incidents as with a photograph which did not resemble her.

connected and that at least two women and one man were On February 9, at Birdwell, near Barnsley, and again on February 13 at Wigbourn, Sheffield, a woman was re-ported asking about children. involved. Three phntofit pic-tures of women based nn descriptions given by parents

The first incident was on January 30 at Park Hill Flats in Sheffield when two women posing as social workers exam-The latest incident occurred last Friday at Eastwood, Rotherham, when two women asked to examine a boy aged nne, saying they had reports he had been sexually or physined two young children in front of their mother after asking them to undress completely. ically abused. The boy was undressed and his genitalia On February 5 nne woman

Det Snpt Foss said that those involved in the incidents had gone to great lengths to convince people they were genuine. On each occasion they were soberly dressed; carried briefcases and made notes on clipboards.

He appealed for anyone who had received similar visits to contact police immediately and warned all parents to make stringent checks on the identity of any visitors claim-ing to be social workers or representing child care

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children said yesterday that in some incidents those invalved had posed as its officials.

A spokeswoman said all members of its 66 child protection teams carried official identity cards with photographs. Anyone in any doubt should contact the society's local office before allow-ing anyone into their home.

More male university students drop out

By Sam Kiley Higher Education Reporter

Universities, notably Oxford and Cambridge, are coming under jocreasing pressure to boost the numbers of women they admit. The latest statistics show that men are more likely to fail or drop nut of

their courses than women. sities Statistical Record show that in 1988 13.8 per cent of men, aged under 21, failed or dropped out compared in 9.9 per cent of wnmen in the same group. Women make up just under 40 per cent of the oodergraduate population while at Cambridge they form 36 per cent and at Oxford 37

The statistics also show that nearly a fifth of mature students - who are over 21 when they start college - fail to complete their degrees.

Although the pure sciences have traditionally been dnminated by men, 14.2 per cent nf students of the traditional age drop out, compared with 9.7

Mature students tend to steer clear of the sciences because they find it difficult tn catch up on factual knowledge missed since school. A quarter of men leave or fail, enmpared with 19.4 per cent of women. Miss Maeve Sherlock, presi-

dent of the National Union of Students, yesterday welcomed "Women have to battle in get to university in the first place. They show the ability in

get through the courses either because they are brighter nr because they are more determined than men," she said. The mature students' uninn

Tiles diss.

said that older students drop out and fail more often than younger undergraduates because of financial problems. family commitments and because they have fallen be-

Public funding

other main Western countries, according to a report to be published soon.

Central and local government spending on the arts was second lowest only to the United States, the report says ing on the arts io seven

Canada, West Germany, France, The Netherlands and Sweden spent more, the report, Cultural Trends, by the Policy Studies Institute, says.

The institute yesterday praised Mr John Major's 12x concessions in his Budget on Tuesday on charitable donations to the arts as a step forward in encouraging private investment.

The report, to be published next minth, discloses that as a proportion of gross damestic product, Sweden spent most, 0.24 per cent. The Netherlands was close behind at 0.23 per cent; the United Kingdnm spent 0.14 per cent of its GDP on the arts and the US 0.02 per

Mr Robert Hutchison, a research fellow at the institute, a leading social and economic research body, said: "For historical reasons, arts funding in Britain was more cen-tralized than elsewhere." The forms of support, such as tax relief, "In Britain up in now this has been pretty haw in terms of contributions in the

arts. The Budget will probably help a lot." The report comes in the midst of financial troubles throughnut Britain's national and provincial arts insitutions.

The South Bank centre has reduced the number and scale
nf promotinns fir this and
next year to cut its £1 million
deficit by £300,000. One key

Cultural Trends, Issue Five
(Policy Studies Institute, 100
Park Village East, NW1 3SR;
£9.95).

for British arts 'lowest in West'

Public arts funding in Britain event to go was an exhibition is lower than in nearly all on art and the First World on art and the First World

The board of Royal Opera House is meeting next Thursday in an attempt to find a way of coping with its £3 million deficit.

The English National Opera the end of this financial year and is existing precariously, in spite of severe cost-cutting and implementing all the recommendations of an efficiency study.

The English National Ballet oarrowly escaped closure when its local authority grant was cut from £1.2 million to £100,000. The Arts Council stepped in in cover the shortfall and Ladbroke's is sponsor-iog a fund-raising gala at the Albert Hall in London next

Tuesday. But the biggest shock to affect the arts world this year was the annuncement by the Rnyal Shakespeare Company that it is to close its two London theatres at the Barbican for four mooths.

Mr Terry Hands, artistic director, said: "Britain has never adequately subsidized its arts in comparison with the rest of Europe."

In Sheffield, the city council is faced with cutting almnst £3 millino in capital expenditure report compares indirect in services to comply with government limits to accept a £4 million EC grant to help finance a refurbishment of the 1890 Lyceum theatre.

Last night Mr Mark Fisher, Labour spokesman on the arts, said: "This report says a great deal about how this government values culture. Arts are not an optional extra, they are an integral part of our

Langford's battle to build orangery jolts Victorians

By Ronald Faux

exercising the Victorian Soci- and Lord Anglesey, chairman he said.

The gales that breached the replace with an orangery in the style of Robert Nesfield, the Victorian architect who carned out works on the 17thcentury pile, well known for its elegance, armour and a

A public inquiry into the plans yesterday heard cvidence that the changes should not be allowed and the conser- the south side of the hall. vatory should be properly —In an ideal world, had it on the hearing in the Secretary restored in an identical style, and deteriorated beyond the of State for Wales.

near Rhuddian in Clwyd was the Welsh heritage society, of the Historic Buildings

Council for Wales. Mr Peter Howell, chairman duced to a ruio the 115-year- of the Victorian Society, said conservatory was not on the old wood and glass structure the idea of replacing the

which Lord Langford seeks to conservatory with an orangery was misguided. He said the historical back-

been professionally investigated. 3.000-year-old Egyptian officer for Clwyd County ed the end of its useful life and Council, thought it a package any attempt to replicate it deal bought from a catalogue would result in a "loss of and adapted in fit the situa- subtlety and innovation". tion against a screen wall on

The collapse of Lord Lang-furd's ramshackie conser-ware supported by Rhuddlan longer economically viable to restore at Bodryhddan Hall Borough Council, by Cadw, restore it, I would have thought it should be retained,"

> The building had some intrinsic merit but was beyond economic restoration. The original plan for the hall, it was a secood thought and never part of the hall design.

Miss Elizabeth Foulkes, an ground in the building had not architect, reluctantly agreed that Lord Langford's conservatory, an elegant and in-Mr Jun James, conservation teresting building, had reach-

> Mr Miehael Parsons, the inquiry inspector, will report

Maestro misses Saint Laurent show



recalled the earlier peasant styles started

by Saint Laurent in the 1970s. This time

the colourfully braided and guld em-

broidered fitted jackets are buttoned in

The man was missing from the Yves Saint Laurent show here yesterday (Liz Smith writes from Paris). However, his presence hovered over models in fluttering chiffon patterned in an abstract patchwork of panther markings and was palpable throughout the colourful reprise of familiar Saint Laurent themes.
Yves Saint Laurent has been in

hospital since last Saturday suffering from "overwhelming exhaustion".

Metallic brocade jacket over balloon dress (left) sharing the catwalk with tartan skirts and feathered tam o'shanters. In the usual scrum backstage Pierre Berge, president of the fashioo house, and Loulou de la Falaise, Saint Laurent's design assistant, fielded the compliments normally reserved for the maestro. Saint Laurent, temporarily sans Yves, served up a vibrant, ethnic collection that

gilt over a 1990s short sarong skirt that has a new swag tn the front and a fashionable asymmetric drape.

If the swirl of tartan skirts and soft wide trews, feathered velvet tam o'shanters and green and black fitted jackets piped in red and gold had not pinpointed the inspiration, a bagpipe refrain from McCartney's "Mull of Kintyre" delivered the Highland theme. **Saunders** 'lost trust of Guinness board'

Ernest Saunders was dismissed as chairman of Guinness without compensation when directors lost confidence and trust in him, a court was

told yesterday. Sir Norman Macfarlane, who replaced him as chairman, tald Southwark Crown Court that Mr Saunders's positinn was untenable. Auditors found irregular payments in Guinness accounts which gave weight to allegatinns made by Mr Olivier Rnux, the company's firmer finance director, that illegal payments had been paid during Guin-ness's £2.7 hillinn Distillers

takeover. Sir Norman said Mr Saunders was dismissed no January 14, 1987, five days after he had agreed to step aside, having been promised his full pay and help to clear

his name. Hnwever, the board overturned the recommendation. Sir Nnrman said directors had lnst confidence and trust in Mr Saunders, whnm it considered to have been responsible for substantial actinns withnut telling the

board. Sir Norman said Mr Saunders had twice denied that the DTI inquiry had anything to do with the bid for Distillers; and Sir Nurman said he was particularly concerned about a \$100 millinn investment in Mr Ivan Boesky's American invest-

ment company.
On January 6 the contents of the Rnux letter, implicating Mr Saunders, became knnwn. Sir Norman said be called for the suspension of both Mr Saunders and Mr Rnux: "The two most important penple in the company took intally opposed points of view. There was nn way the board could decide which was truthful."

Mr Saunders; Gerald Rooson, chairman of Heron International; the stockbroker Anthnoy Parnes; and the financier Sir Jack Lyons deny 24 couots of theft, false accounting and breaches nf the Companies Act.



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Solicitors in fight back on house sales

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

ancing scheme devised by the for up to six mooths. Law Society to make house sales quicker and simpler.

Law Society, the scheme is proved by Clarity, the lawyers' aimed at reinforcing the campaign for plain English Clients will receive an increasingly competitive information guide and file house-buying market.

It will also revolutionize traditional bouse-buying procedures, shifting much of the transaction from the bouse-

said: "This gives solicitors the appropriate role in cooveyan-cing in the 21st century."

The scheme, called Trans-Action, was the first step to ensure solicitors "beat the competitioo" and that they were the predominant source of advice.

standardized and "jargon-free" procedure for buying and selling houses.

Mr Tony Girling, the Law Society council member promoting the scheme, said it was a "major modificatioo" in conveyancing procedures.

Wheo TransAction is used

More than 8,000 solicitors' tion, including the local au-firms in England and Wales thority search, which the seller yesterday took part in the will pay for. The validity of national launch of a coovey-ancing scheme deviced by the search will be guaranteed ancing scheme deviced by the

Sellers will draw up a statement of all fixtures and fittings Backed by a £250,000 to be included. Standard marketing campaign, the most forms of cootract and conambitious undertaken by the ditions of sale will be ap-

> telling them what is being done at every stage, including

Sellers will collect all legal work in the conveyancing information at the start of the transaction from the bouse-buyer to the house-seller.

Mr John Hayes, secretary general of the Law Society, said. Time saved could be as much as two mooths, the time taken by some councils to process searches.

The scheme, which is being promoted in cinemas, post of-fices and in the press, has been well received by solicitors.

It was criticized however by the Society of Licensed Con-Solicitors who have joined veyancers, which said it would the scheme will undertake a oot save time. Many of the procedures were already used by cooveyancers, it said.

Mr Michael Joseph, author of *The Conveyancing Fraud*, said the house transfer system could be simplified so that solicitors oeed oot be in-

A consumer helpline to the seller's solicitor will put cootact solicitors offering together all standard informa- TransAction is 0800 800 464. House for sale with vested interest



The Rev Ian Gooding and Mr Kemp ootside Church Farmhouse, where the rector has the ancient right of its use as a vestry.

By Christopher Warman Property Correspondent

Church Farmhouse in the village of Dale Abbey, Derhyshire, is a four-bedroomed semi-detached residence - but no ordinary semi. Its other half is the local church, and under a right dating to the 12th century the rector has the use of its sitting room as a vestry.

The Grade I listed house, the only one in the area, looks on to the churchyard, while the back of the church is in the house garden and a door connects the two parts of the huilding. Although it is bricked up, the owners can hear the services through the wall. The rector, the

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Rev Ian Gooding, said yesterday that the situation had always been accepted hy the occupants. "There are various conditions attached, iocluding my right to use the sitting room to change for

Church Farmhouse is oow for sale at £220,000 and the new owner must be prepared for 10,000 tourists a year visiting the church and the ruins near by of a 12th-century abbey. There is also a hermit's cave in the garden.

Mr John Kemp, the present owner of the house, said: "I have had to eject a few people I have found camping in the cave." He said that whoever bought the

property would have an exceptional, pretty home full of historic interest. His wife, Margaret, added that it was a lovely place to live in despite the odd arrangement. "It has never bothered us and we do not expect it will upset the oext

Before the Kemps bought their part of the huilding it was traditionally the home of the church verger, caretaker and keyholder. It was only an accident of history, after the whole estate, including the huilding, was sold off, that it became possible for a private buyer to move in. Mr Gooding hopes the oew buyer might

Pay equality ruling brings new dilemma to employers

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Britain's employers, facing made easier through the use of better equipment. tionary wage increases for women demanding equal pay for work of equal value, are ruing the day when Miss Julie Hayward joined Cammell Laird shipyard, Birkenhead, Merseyside, as a cook.

The legal precedent she set of equal pay for work of equal value means employers are now confronted with the dilemma of having to treat women equally while facing the wrath of men wbose differentials and time-hoooured status as "bread winners" is under threat.

This week's decision by Marks & Spencer to give its 44,000 sales assistaots. mainly women, a 26 per cent pay rise over three years while freezing the wages of 3,000 warehouse staff, mainly men, paves the way for a battle of the sexes which could harm labour relations.

Yesterday M&S warehousemen at Derby who, like their colleagues, have been given only a one-off £500 payment, staged a one-day protest strike. The Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers (Usdaw) meanwhile said it had been inundated with complaints.

In a landmark legal decisioo almost two years ago, the Law Lords ruled that Miss Hayward's job was as important as that of males who were painters, joiners and thermal insulatioo engineers.

She was backed by the Equal Opportunities Commission and her union, the GMB, which warned that other employers could expect similar legal challenges.

before industrial tribunals.

Although Marks & Spencer denies its award was influenced by equal pay legislation, its move came only a day after Sainsbury gave rises of between 8.5 per cent and 21 (Ray Clancy writes). per cent to 60,000 retail staff The union, which of equal value,

Retail companies argue that while the jobs of women checkout assistants have be-

The M&S award demonstrates that employers are aware that unions and mdividuals are willing to use the 1983 amendment to the 1970 Equal Pay Act, which allowed for equal pay for work of equal value, and which was virtually forced oo the Government by the European Commission.

Mr Bill Connor, deputy general secretary of Usdaw. which has been in the forefront of the equal pay cam-paign, called oo M&S, a largely con-unionized com-pany, to meet for talks. Fair pay, he said, should not be achieved at the expense of freezing the wages of employees who happened to be men.

Usdaw has dropped an equal pay test case against Sainsbury's after taking part in a joh evaluaooo exercise, although Mr Garfield Davies, general secretary, has warned other high street employers to expect action against them if they refuse to review pay structures.

Several employers in the financial sector have begun iob evaluation exercises after an industrial tribunal claim by six secretaries and typists at Lloyds Bank seeking equal pay to senior male messengers. The bank is appealing against a first trihunal decision in the women's favour.

Yesterday, following the M&S and Sainsbury's awards, Tesco managers were meeting Usdaw negotiators to discuss pay rises for the company's 79,000 staff. Safeway is expected to announce pay in-creases for its staff io the next few weeks.

Since then there have been a The Baoking, Insurance swathe of such cases brought and Finaoce Unioo yesterday respooded quickly to the Government's oew tax con-cessions for working mothers hy drawing up claims for hundreds of workplace ourseries for its 170,000 members-

The union, which has been after a job evaluation exercise campaigning for several years designed to comply with the for ourseries and career breaks concept of equal pay for work for women starting a family, said the banks, building societies and financial organizations should now speed up the iotroductioo of creches. They come more complex, the jobs are to oo longer be a taxable of warehouse staff have been benefit.

Timman in heroic fight with Karpov

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

The Dutch grandmaster Jan which allows for the champ-timman is fighting for sur-ionship to be organized by: a vival in his world chess qualifying final in Kuala Lumpur against Anatoly Karpov, the Soviet Unioo's former world champion.

The seventh game in the best of 12 series, played last night, was the most exciting. Although it ended in a draw after 43 moves, Timman made heroic efforts to win; on the 22nd move, in a fearfully complex position, he missed the chance to sacrifice a rook for his opponent's knight, which would probably have given him a decisive attack.

After this draw Karpov has 4½ points and Timman, who has not won a game, 21/2. Karpov needs two more points to qualify for a renewed world championship chall-enge against Garry Kasparov later this year.

According to Kasparov, the challenge match is scheduled to have its first half in New York, starting in October, and the second half in Lyons in

November.

Kasparov said all difficulties had been cleared away since Señor Florencio Campomanes, president of the World Chess Federation and Kasparov's bitter rival for control of world chess, signed an agreement in Paris on Tuesday

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neutral committee.

Since 1948 such matches have been organized solely by the World Chess Federatioo, hut the neutral committee will include members of Kaspa-rov's rival Grandmaster Association.

With vast revenues io prize money and television con-tracts at stake (the prize fund is likely to be at least \$2 million) the division of spoils between the ruling body and the grandmasters represents an important step for the grandmasters' organization.

The moves from the seventh game in Kuala Lumpur were (Timman playing white).

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MP wants 'dirty beach' signs to warn sea bathers

By Sheila Gunn, Political Reporter

breach the European Commission's bathing water standards, the Government was

told yesterday.

It could lead to signs appearing in 97 of the 401 main coastal resorts which do not come up to the standard. Sir Hugh Rossi, chairman of the Commons environment committee, demanded government action because of the

from sewage discharges. Local authorities, he said, have been reluctant to warn bathers of the dangers for fear of damaging tourist trade.

evidence of health hazards

The diseases range from stomach upsets, sore eyes and throats to polio and hepatitis.
Officials and scientists have not ruled out the remote risk of contracting the Aids virus from direct contact with sewage in sea water.

The committee's warning comes in the wake of an international study from the UN Environment Programme on Monday which found an increase in the threat to public and marine life from sewage waters worldwide. The cross-

Warning signs should be party House of Commons committee that for years his placed on British beaches that committee has extended its national bad complained of patients had complained of investigation into pollution of beaches by two months to gather new evidence on the health hazards.

In a dispute with the committee, Mr Dennis Roberts, a Department of the Environ-ment official, emphasized the administrative difficulties in putting up signs and the defects in the EC's bathing water directive.

But after pressure from the committee, Mr Roberts agreed to hold an urgent meeting with the Department of Health to decide how to fulfil the committee's demand for signs similar to those on many continental beaches. Mr Roberts argued that the

decision to put up signs is for local authorities and the department had no policy, but discussions were under way with the National Rivers Authority. Sir Hugh told him: "The great British public is very impatient with administrative

difficulties being put to them as an excuse for no action." Sir Hugh also cited the case of a family doctor on the

representing 24 per cent of all identified bathing waters. They included Blackpool; Lynmouth and Combe Martin, Devon; East Looe, Cornwall; Lyme Regis, Dorset; Ventnor, Bembridge and Cowes on the Isle of Wight; Hove, East Sussex; the Kentish beaches of Folkestone, Ramsgate and Herne Bay; and Cromer, Cleethorpes and Whitby on the East Coast.

respiratory and other ailments

during certain weather con-

ditions in which heavy spray

blown in from the coastal

nounced in January that 97 of

Britain's main beaches still failed EC standards last year,

sewage slick hit the town. Mr David Trippier, the

Mr Chris Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, has announced a £3 billion investment to modernize sewage treatment and disposal. An inquiry started last night after 100 gallons of oil were spilled while being loaded on to a tanker at Esso's Fawley refinery in Hampshire. Some oil was washed ashore at Blackpool coast, who told the

Impromptu knees-up in Red Square



Three British tourists treating bemused Russians to an impromptu knees-up in Red Square yesterday. Almost 400 Britons flew from Gatwick to Moscow for a four-hour coach tour of the Soviet capital, organized by Euro Express of Crawley, West Sussex. The company ran similar visits to East Berlin last year and is planning more trips to Moscow from Manchester and Gatwick airports. Mrs May Lye, left, Mrs Dorothy Trousdale and Mrs Yvonne Evans paid £199 each for the tour.

Impact of forestry to be examined

By Kerry Gill

A study of the environmental impact of forestry throughout Britain is to be initiated later this year, the Forestry In-dustry Committee of Great Britain announced in Edin-

burgh yesterday. Mr Craig Campbell, of the committee, said that the move was in response to increasing concern. Admitting that the industry had "raised the hack-les" of environmentalists, partieularly over conifer planting in Caithness and Sutherland, he emphasized that planters themselves were now doing all they could to meet criticisms.

New policies, he said, could create mixed species planting, leaving natural areas for indigenous wildlife.

Agreement in principle for the FICGB study was arrived at last week. The body to carry ont the nationwide assessment

will be appointed shortly.
However, Mr Sandy Murray, secretary of Timber
Growers UK, said that increased tree planting was vital

to meet the needs of the processing industries. Areas being planted in Britain, he said, had fallen from a high point of 28,000 hectares a few years ago to 13,000. This year, the figure was likely to be as low as 10,000 hectares.

Patten heading for new 'green' dispute with EC

By Michael McCarthy, Environment Correspondent

State for the Environment, lar, is showing reluctance to looks likely to be involved in a come to grips with the renewed clash with environment ministers from northern Europe today when the European Community attempts in Brussels to establish a commoo position on measures to combat the green-

The move, which is likely to be backed by The Netherlands, West Germany, Denmark and France, would commit member states to no further locreases to their emissions of the principal "green-house gas", carbon dioxide (CO₂), which is produced by coal-fired power stations and

motor vehicles. However it will not be

premature as the ioternational community is already fully engaged in an assessment of the greenhouse effect through the Intergovernmental Panel missers are being asked to conclusions at the end of

On the basis of these find- 2000". ings the World Climate Conference, which follows in Geneva in November, will attempt to draw up a worldwide plan of action to combat global warming.

Britain prefers to wait for

Some EC member states, however, and a number of Paper Mr Patten is preparing environmental pressure for the autumn will tackle

Mr Chris Patten, Secretary of istration in the US, in particuproblem.

At a conference in Noordwijk in Holland last November, Britain and the other EC countries committed themselves to stabilizing their emissions of CO₂ by the year 2000. The United States,

2000, there was no mention in the final Noordwijk declaration of the key question of what baseline level for stabililization should be set.

The Dutch and French supported by Britaio and as a result Mr Patten, who at the recent North Sea Conference in The Hague was subjected to a barrage of criticism over dumping of industrial waste and sewage studge at sea, may once more be in the firing line.

The United Kingdom regards the Brussels initiative as premature as the joternational

This question is back on the

on Climate Change (IPCC), agree calls for "a clear which will announce its commitment by industrialized countries to stabilize their CO2 emissions by the year

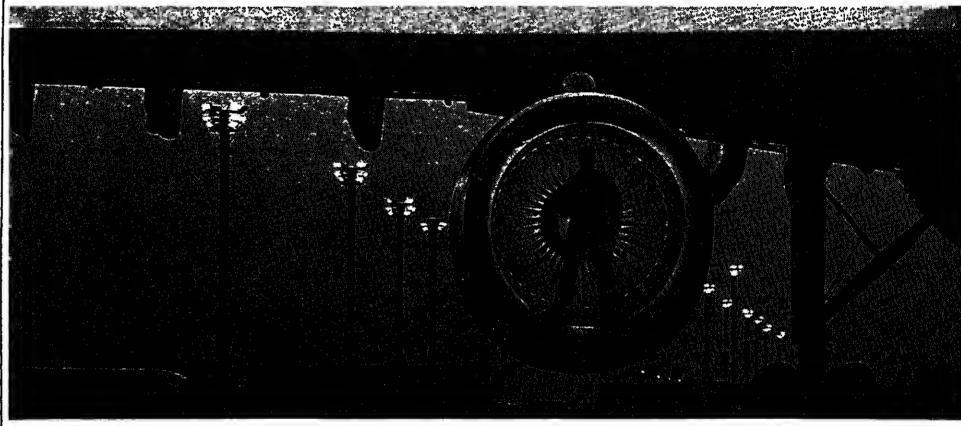
It goes on: "Such stabilization should be, in principle, at the present level."

The Dutch are likely to back it strongly and support is likely to be forthcoming from West Germany, France and the full IPCC report before Denmark, whose environdeciding precisely on what action to take, rather than be bounced into a sudden sternest critic at the North Sea conference. The Environment White

groups, feel that Europe has an carbon dioxide emissions, but opportunity to take a world it was being made clear in Whitehall yesterday that there In the continuing IPCC was no question of Mr Patten negotiations the Bush admin-signing today's EC initiative.

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written letters of protest. Now. ment of the Environment's oters from the three parishes chief water pollution inspechave successfully petitioned tor, is recommending that the for a referendum, although the scheme be approved: "The sea has a very substantial capacity result will not be binding.

The pipeline will take all the to absorb and purify sewage."

Cornish parishes vote on sewage

Hayle, Gwinear-Gwithian.

South West Water wants to

Environment, had said in mittee, said. January that he was minded to Environment has said a final Baty, an engineering director,

decisioo was "imminent".

More than 15,000 people go to the polls today in a last-minute effort to halt plans to dispersion of the policy of dump raw sewage off the coast of Cornwall. They are the voters of the three parishes that ring St Ives Bay: St Ives. Have Guines Could be coast of Godrevy Point, at the rate of 2,000 litres a second.

The new scheme will help to build a £63 million pipeline to clean the badly polluted take sewage from the Pen-zance area, pump it across the ever, north coast residents fear country and into the sca off their own award-winning the north coast at St Ives Bay.
It could be the last new long sea outfall pipe for untreated about robbing Peter to pay sewage before the European Paul and there are many Commission outlaws similar people who are very unhappy about it." Mr John Pollard, a Although Mr Chris Patten, local teacher who chairs the St the Secretary of State for the Ives Bay Sewage Action Com-

South West Water believes approve the project, his recent that building an inland treatannouncement to ban sewage ment works could add more dumping in the North Sea by 1998 had raised hopes of a Uturn. The Department of the Engineers of the Scheme. "The customer will have to pay." Mr Bob

Nearly 3,000 people have Mr Alan Pearce, the Depart-



WE'RE FLYING BETTER THAN EVER

PETER TRIEVNO

County's parents press for teacher pay rise of £3,000

fer teacher shortages as severe top of the two-stage 8.3 per problems. as the worst affected areas of cent deal agreed by the Goveast London by next year if ernment last month to encouraction is not taken to improve age staff to stay in the county.

Pay, ministers were told The survey also showed that, for the first time, English

A survey by parents in had joined mathematics, sci-Surrey found the number of ence and foreign languages as trebled in 18 months and the staff. It also raised fears that shortage is expected to reach recruitment problems in prithe same level as parts of east London by January.

In Tower Hamlets, the area with the most vacancies in the country, more than 300 children have been unable to start school since September because there are not enough

Hundreds more pupils are sent home daily because schools depend on large num-bers of part-time staff; some children aged only five have had as many as three class

The survey of 231 schools, carried out by the Surrey Federation of Parent Teacher Associations, showed the number of vacant posts in the county was two and a half times higher than the national average. A fifth of all teachers

mary schools would become more acute because one in three teachers was due to retire in the next decade.

risen from 70 in January 1988 to 252 by last October. The researchers said there would be no full-time teachers left in Surrey schools by 1996 if the

Primary schools were worst affected, with 5.1 per cent of teaching posts vacant com-pared with a national average of 1.9 per cent. In secondary schools 2.9 per cent of teach-

ing jobs were unfilled.

The report said the concentration of shortages in key National Curriculum subjects confirmed parental fears that children were being taught by in Surrey changed jobs last staff not qualified in the

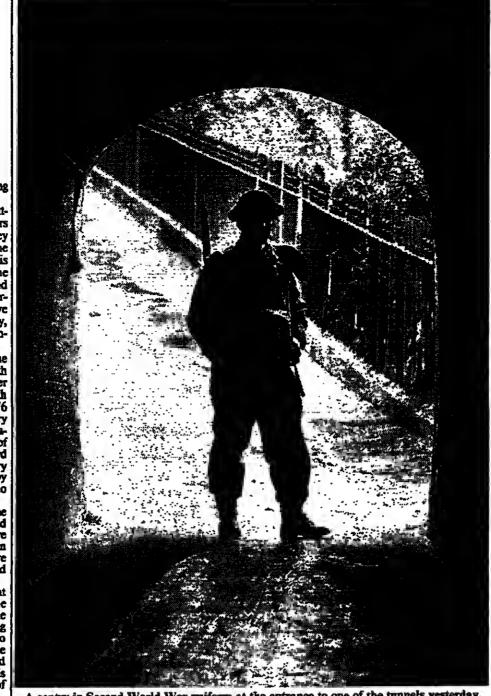
The Home Counties will suf- increase of £3,000 a year on factor behind the staffing

A spokesman for the National Union of Teachers (NUT) said: "That Surrey should be facing the same problems as Tower Hamlets is shocking. I only hope that the Deputy Prime Minister and unfilled teaching vacancies in a subject for which schools the chairman of the Conser-the county had more than had difficulty in recruiting vative Party, who both have trebled in 18 months and the staff. It also raised fears that constituencies in the county, will encourage the Government to take action."

The publication of the Surrey survey coincided with the release of details of teacher The number of teaching shortages in Haringey, north posts vacant in the county has London. The study found 76 primary and 35 secondary school classes had no permanent teacher. Two-thirds of the primary classes and a third of those affected in secondary schools were being taught by part-time casual staff who changed almost daily.

Of those taught by full-time been taught by three or more teachers in the past year. In nine primary schools more than half of the staff had resigned over same period.

Miss Jane Chan, president of the Haringey branch of the NUT, which carried out the survey, said: This appalling year - 60 per cent more than subject. situation is not unique to the national figure - and the highest turnover rate was in the high cost of living in country teachers have escaped the rural south-west of the Surrey, where house prices from our profession, which is ounty. remain among the highest in no longer valued in terms of The report called for a pay Britain, was the principal pay or working conditions."



A sentry in Second World War uniform at the entrance to one of the tunnels yesterday.

Dover's warren of secret tunnels opens to public

hour, the cliffs under Dover Castle was the place Winston Churchill would often visit; his cigar doubtless glowing in the sharp Channel wind and his gaze firmly out to sea, watching for the Germans only 20 miles away on the

The White Cliffs of Dover have been Britain's front line many times, and defences set up during three of her bleakest moments are now being opened for public view.

A warren of tunnels, originally hewn from the chalk cliffs as gun emplacements when Napoleon threatened to invade, found new life in 1939 when Hitler threatened

They were extended to make a bomb-proof military headquarters 200ft beneath the clifftop. In 1940 they became the nerve centre of Operation Dynamo, which turned defeat into victory, lifting 337,000 Allied troops from the Dunkirk heaches. from the Dunkirk beaches.

A quarter of a century later at the height of the Cold War the tunnels were converted, this time into a bunker for a regional seat of government if a nuclear war broke out.

Although local people have hours, listening to modern was a state secret until only two years ago when the Goernment finally moved out of the 3.5 miles of tunnel beneath Dover Castle and presented the dark remains to English Heritage. It has spent almost

When Britain faced its darkest £250,000 removing tons of asbestos lining, installing lighting and setting up facil.

ities for visitors. The tunnels occupy three levels, codenamed Annexe Casemate and Dumpy. On May 14 Dame Vera Lynn will open the first stage of the restoration, Casemate, when 36-pounder canons were positiooed in seven brick-lined tunnels to batter Napoleon's invasioo barges should they venture into the harbour 400A

below. Mr Jack Lohman, project co-ordinator, plans 50. minute guided tours through three periods of British his. tory. Unlike present trends to recreate the past with tab leaux, the tunnels will be left

imagination.

One feature for visitors will be a terrace high over Dover Harbour, where three of the gun tunnels open to the sea. Here Churchill was often wont to spend a couple of

known about the maze of artillery shelling German burrowings, their existence positions on the French coast. It was the fierce gun duels across the narrow streets that earned this point on the Kent coast its wartime nickname of Hellfire Corner. That has now been adopted as the title of a

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Planning 'must start' on charge for road users

By Michael Dynes, Transport Correspondent

which motorists are charged lish a market mechanism for using congested roads, where hitherto one has been for using congested roads, where hitherto one has been should be introduced in lacking. It would also pro-London by the mid-1990s, duce significant environmenaccording to a report pub-lished yesterday.

Paying for Progress, by the two types of electronic road Chartered Institute of Transport, says failure to begin planning road pricing now will mean accepting unnecessary increases in traffic congestion, and "billions of pounds' worth of inefficiency in the national economy".

The anticipated increase in vehicle oumbers from 22 mil- before they can drive. lion to 34 million by 2025, means the introduction of road pricing to control congestion is simply a question of time, the report said.

The length of the national road network has increased by 5 per cent in the last decade and the motorway system has been extended by 33 per cent, although it still accounts for less than 1 per cent of all

The road network has not, therefore, been expanding at the same rate as increases in traffic densities and it is expected to continue trailing behind, in spite of the recent expansion of the national road-building programme.

Although increased road capacity and improved traffic management would help reduce delays, they would not solve congestion "on their own", the report said. The institute says drivers

must be confronted with the full cost of the congestion they cause, if traffic flow is to be "Users of roads, like the

users of any other valuable and limited resource, should pay all the costs arising from their use. Only then will the decisions on whether, when, where and how to travel be made correctly," the report

be entirely in line with the

A comprehensive system of move towards greater ecoelectronic road pricing, in nomic freedom: it will estab-

tal improvements. The institute recommends

pricing the automatic vehicle identification system which records vehicle movements and bills drivers for their use of roads; and a "smartcard" system, in which motorists buy cards similar to telephone cards that are inserted into meters inside their vehicles

"The most logical area for combined with growing road pricing for London will awareness that large-scale extend out to the M25," the road-building such as that report said. The system could undertaken in the 1960s and be set up for about £80 1970s is no longer an option, million, producing efficiency gains of about £400 million a year, and revenues of more than £600 million a year.

The Department of Transport welcomed the report as "an interesting contribution to the current debate on road pricing". However, a spokesman said: "It underplays some of electronic road pricing's practical problems, such as the lack of a proven technology, and the difficulties of

Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary of State for Transport, earlier ruled out the possibility of road pricing, pointing out that if I per cent of motorists evaded charges, it would result in millions of offences having to be investi-

gated and prosecuted.

It said road pricing would Mr Parkinson: Ruled out electronic road pricing.

Nurse is sent for trial

The unemployed nurse accused of kidnapping the newborn baby Alexandra Griffiths was sent in custody for trial at Southwark Crown Court, south London, by Horseferry Road magistrates yesterday.

Miss Janet Griffiths, aged 33, of The Old Police House, Sweeps Lane, Burford, Oxford, is charged with abducting the 36-hours-old child from St Thomas's Hospital, London, on January 11.

Drugs find

Customs officers at Ramsgate Kent, yesterday discovered 220kg of cannabis worth £750,000 on a lorry which arrived from Dunkirk. The British driver was being questioned.

Bus order

A £12 million order for 50 double-deck Leyland buses has been signed by Citybus of Hong Kong, which has now ordered 103 in all.

Phone hoaxer

A hoaxer is telephoning parents in Prudhoe, Northumberland, claiming he has abdueted their child from school.

Pensioner dies

Mr Harold Broadhead, aged 73, of Staveley, near Chesterfield, died in hospital after a collision with a cyclist. The rider, believed to be a boy aged 14, did not stop.

Hippies gather More than 1,000 hippies and

travellers arrived at Stonehenge, Wiltshire, yesterday to celebrate the Spring equinox. There were scuffles as they were asked to leave, but no arrests were made.

Bomb alert

A Second World War bomb. believed to contain mustard gas, has been uncovered by building work at Pocklington, North Humberside.

Vandal patrol

West Hallam parish council, Derbyshire, has hired a private security firm for a twomonth trial to try to deter vandals after a spate of

Cruellest year for animals

fashion for walking down the

In one case, he said, inspect

four puppies hammered to

your arm".

death

The RSPCA yesterday re- secutions for cruelty, of which are handicapped by the inadported its highest ever annual 1,131 concerned dogs. figures for animal cruelty. Its inspectors received well

over one million calls last increase in cases involving year, and investigated nearly 83,000 complaints of cruelty. aggression, such as Rottweilers, Dobermanns and There was a 30 per cent American pit bull terriers, increase in cruelty to cats and a 164 per cent increase in victims of what Mr Richard cruelty to farm animals. Davies, chief superintendent of its inspectorate, called "the

Mr Gavin Grant, its campaigns director, described the statistics as "stark, depressing street with a powerful dog on and borrifying".

Pointing out that dogs were the most frequent victims of tors called to an abandoned abuse. Mr Grant renewed the RSPCA's call for a compulsory national registration correct 120lb weight. In the and identification scheme to worst case of dog cruelty, finance a network of dog inspectors from Bath found wardens who would compile information on irresponsible owners and breeders.

brought 2,026 successful pro- inquiries by our inspectors, we a terrible state."

equacy of the law and our The society is particularly position within it. concerned by a disturbing "Magistrates are often too

lenient, leaving us bewildered breeds with a reputation for and perplexed at their failure to impose lifelong banning orders."

 A couple who kept two dogs in "concentration camp" conditions were yesterday banned from keeping animals for life by Bristol magistrates.

Charles O'Reiley and Phyllis Holmes, both of South-mead, Bristol, were fined £600 and £400 respectively for causing unnecessary suffering to two lurchers.

After the case Miss Julic Glynn, for the RSPCA, said: "I have been prosecuting animai cruelty cases for 10 years and this is the first time I have Mr Grant said: "Too often, known of a life ban being Last year the RSPCA after long and painstaking imposed. The animals were in

opportunities of the 1990s, Mr John Smith,

the Exchequer said. Resuming the four-day Bud-get debate in the Commons, he attacked the community charge and said that yesterday's concession had been a panic re-action to a wave of anger from one end of the country to the

Much of the argument was rightly about the unfairness of the tax, the most unfair tax in the world. No other country had

about doing so. Mr Smith opened by con-graphisting Mr Major on the "pleasant and competent" way in which he had introduced his

He said that many of the noncontroversial proposals would attract little if any hostility from

There was widespread approval for introducing independent taxation for men and women, even if there would be serious debate about some of the

The assistance for football grounds was welcome. Other sports, such as cricket, rugby union, rugby league and athlet-ics, also had a strong case for receiving equivalent assistance. It remained to be seen how far the new savings plan attracted new rather than diverted sav-

Many families in Britain would feel, as they struggled with mortgage repayments and poll tax and high prices at every hand, that a chance would be a hand, that fine thing.

must

large

"They have a hard enough task to make ends meet, let alone find £150 a month for a savings scheme."

One got the impression that, over the past few mooths, Treasury officials had combed their files and searched among the shelves looking for useful administrative changes to offer the Chancellor to fill out his

There were significant omis-sions from the Budget. The word "environment" was never uttered and there was no ref-erence to child benefit which should have been increased to at

He was happy to accept the Chancellor's objectives: bring-ing down inflation and enabling Britain to seize the economic opportunities of the 1990s.

But I believe that the Budget was at best irrelevant and at worst positively harmful them."

This Government had said more about inflation than any other io history. At the last election, some Conservative election, some Conservative MPs had been rash enough to assure their electors that the problem had been solved.

Initation was not some sa-tanic force invading like a plague about which little could be done. The Government could not hlame the "nasty foreigners" or the last Labour the shadow Chancellor of **E**0yernment

"Britain's inflation was made at home and the authors are on the Government front bench and the odd one on the back

Despite all the talk about bearing down on inflation, the Government kept scoring infla-tionary own goals.

It was to blame for increased prices in public transport, electricity, water, prescription charges and for the high rise in council rents yet to come.

The Government had chosen usuriously high interest levels of 15 per cent as its exclusive means of attack. Looking at the consequences on mortgage rates showed the inflationary result of interest rates. No wonder that there were high wage claims as people struggled to make ends meet in the face of new impositions like that.

Now there was a new twist, a new boost to inflation, in poll tax. With the bills coming in, people were discovering what the tax meant for ordinary

The bills were about a third higher than domestic rates, raising an extra £3 billion this year, equal to 2p in the pound on standard rate of income tax.

"The double effect of mort-gage increases and poll tax is bitting ordinary families hard." Much of the argument was rightly about the unfairness of the tax, the most unfair tax in the world. No other country had

adopted it or even thought about doing so. No wonder that few on the Conservative front or back benebes were seeking to claim credit for poll tax. Few would want to have that in their

curriculum vitae. Rather than being called after ministers who had had a hand in devising it, it should be called the Thatcher tax because the Prime Minister had pursued it ruthlessly and trampled on wiser counsels, even on wiser counsellors, in doing so. Before rushing to a judgement on what it should be called they should recollect a shrewd observation by Mr Michael Heseltine,

Labour MPs: Where is be? Mr Smith: Probably out working hard for the Conser-vative Party in the country. He is indefatigable in support of the Government and the present leader of the Conservative Party, although I do not know whether she understood that when he said he would take no part in an election contest, be

for her (Labour laughter). The poll tax was a unique combination of rampant unfairness and explosive inflation and nothing more deserved to be called a Tory tax.



Yesterday's Budget concession on that tax had been a panic reaction to a wave of anger from one end of the country to the other. The Opposition had ar-gued for relief on the capital limit, but had been given little shrift by ministers at the time. shrift by ministers at the time.

"But circumstances alter cases and by-election circum-stances in particular alter cases and we welcome the relaxation of an unjust rule against which we campaigned."

Those, however, who be-lieved that they would benefit might be disappointed.

Now the Government had to explain what it would do about the injustice inflicted upon a substantial part of the country, Scotland, where poll tax was already being paid. He did not think, from the

meant that he would not vote Chancellor's demeanour yes-terday, that there was a calculated plot against the people of Scotland, but that it was much simpler: the Government had again forgotten that ScotIn reply to an intervention by Mr Alexander Salmond (Banif and Buchan, SNP), be said that it would not take Labour four years to get rid of poll tax, and a Labour government would al-ways take care to make sure that people were treated fairly throughout the United King-

The Budget was supremely irrelevant to the economic cirucumstances, with growth predicted at just 1 per cent, inflation remaining depressingly high, interest rates staying high, and the trade deficit heavily in the red this year, next year and the year after.

The Chancellor had noted that the downturn in economie activity would be sharp, which was a change from the 1988 Budget. In those happy, beady days Mr Nigel Lawson had declared that there had been an

The UK was now bottom of A move towards a competthe inflation league, bottom of itive and productive economy, the growth league and had the worst trade deficit to Europe. which alone could secure suc-cess, was yet to occur. Achieving

ed to join the exchange-rate mechanism which would stamechanism which would sta-bilize currencies, reduce interest rates and inflation, and encour-age investment. However, what Mr Major had said about that

Mr Peter Lilley, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said that membership of the ERM was not a magic potion to keep exchange rates stable; it was a commitment to keep them stable.

Mr Smith said that entry into the system would require accep-tance of a number of disciplines and obligations to maintain currencies within a certain band.

Britain would not make the crucial move to a genuinely productive economy until the Government understood and accepted its responsibility to lead a partnership between Gov-ernment and industry to achieve

Once again, by its irrelevant Budget, the Government had shirked its crucial responsibility to initiate economic policies and to permit people and industry to compete on equal terms in the new European market.

For Britain to have a real above all other changes, a change of government.

Mr Norman Lamout, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said that the Budget was right for the economie circumstances. It was cautious and firm. It was accompanied by a tight mone-tary policy which was part of the Government's commitment to

To those who argued that the Budget was not right enough, the Government could point to the fiscal surplus that was unequalled anywhere in the world, and to an economy that had shown extraordinary resilience.

It was necessary for the economy to slow down after the extraordinary growth of recent years. That process was begin-ning, but a further slowing was

It was not too much to ask of businesses or the people to accept a period of pause when another Labour government, than any of the statistics Mr Smith quoted (Conservative they had such an extraordinary period of growth for many years.

The tax measures in the Budget were broadly neutral, but it was a remarkable testimony to the tax-cutting record of the Government that the Budget was the first since 1981 national insurance contribu-

damentals. It was up to the Government to run sensible economic policies. Its failure to Merely to have put np tax by £1 billion, £2 billion or £3 do so resulted in pressure on the The core of the problem was billion with an economy of over £500 billion, would have been marginal and made no difthe neglect of manufacturing industry. There had been inadequate investment. A crucial

change of policy was required to The increase in inflation was achieve a strategy for industrial partly the result of the interestrate cuts io 1987, which had been too much, in response to the stock market crash, but Mr Smith had then urged the Gov-ernment to go further. Part of

the problem had been the confident outlook of people

The boom of the past few years had owed oothing to any fiscal stimulus from the Gov-ernment. Government spending had grown only slightly over this period, and it was a convenient fiction put out by Mr Smith that the 1988 Budget had cut taxes

Growth of demand had been the response of UK firms and individuals to financial de-regulation. The private sector had borrowed heavily and moved into financial deficit on a scale not seen for years.

But this rapid growth in private sector spending had been essentially an expression of confidence about the economy and its future prospects.

Clearly this remarkable growth in demand had been a monetary one, so the response should be a monetary one, too. should be a monetary one, too.

Mr Richard Douglas (Dunfermline West, Ind Lab) asked
what part the Secretary of State
for Scotland (Mr Malcolm
Rifkind) had played in Cabinet
in agreeing that there should be
no restrospective action for
Scotland.

Mr Lamont said that be did not think it would be practical to implement this change retro-spectively in Scotland. It would create all sorts of administrative

problems and anomalies. People's income and savings might have changed. Where they lived might have changed. It would be extraordinarily difficult to introduce such a change retrospectively.

There was another argument against. Capital limits applied oot just to community charge benefits but also to housing benefit and income support. The level of rebate that app-

hed to the community charge last year in Scotland also applied to ratepayers in England.

"If you were to make a change retrospectively, it would be extremely difficult not to justify making further changes for ratepayers in England as well." Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith

(Kincardine and Deeside, C)

said that the community charge had brought many more people within the net of local govern ment taxation.

For many, particularly the elderly, the level of local government taxation had risen far beyond inflation.

The unfairness was felt on the Conservative benches as well as on the Labour side. Was there not some other action he could take? Could he consider compensation?

Mr Lamont said he did not

believe they could make a concession. They could not split community charge benefit from bousing benefit. "You cannot do that if you are going to introduce this scheme in this

Mr Smith's analysis of the economy was wholly flawed. He had a capacity for grabbiog the wrong end of any stick that happened to be around.

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Rejoicing 'may turn to tears'

Political contacts had been revitalized at all levels as a result of the recent events in Eastern Europe and these were laying the foundation for more normal relations between nations. Lord Brahazon of Tara, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said during a debate in the House of Lords on political and economic developments in Eastern Europe and the

Lord Home of the Hirsel (C). opening the debate, said that some questioned whether the counter-revolution which had taken place was genuine. It was clear that the relierns had gone so deep that neither the Soviet Union nor communist ambruans for empire could ever be

While the newly emerging democracies would want help. he advised against the European

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mistake "to run before we can

Nevertheless, if the Eastern European countries could design a freer market among themselves, sanctioned by institutional links with the European Community and under-writen by world banks, those countries could, in Mr Gorbachov's dramatie words, "re-cover their European home". Lord Cledwyn of Pearhos.

leader of the Opposition peers. said that events in Europe had created one of those moments in history when great opportu-nuics were matched by great dangers. The approach of the West must be to observe and to react to those events wisely and

Any aid programme should be organized through the European Community, the imminence of the single market meant that there was no practicable alter-native, and such initiatives should be taken in concert with the United States and other countries.

Lord Thomson of Monifieth (Lib Dem) said that, although it was a time of hope and un-certainty, dangling before us was the glittering prize of disarmament, hope and peace.

The task was to find how hope could be maximized and un-certainty minimized. It was unforwante that the Prime Minister's approach so often isolated the United Kingdom in Europe.

Lord Brabazon of Tara said that the German Democratic "We are thinking in terms of Republic had been to the polls an undivided Europe of free and voted for a new democratic Republic had been to the polls

countries, but if we do not get it right, rejoieing can quickly turn to tears." future in a united Germany. It had the Government's warmest wishes.

The pace of evcots in the Soviet Union had accelerated, leaving it littered by the freshly slaughtered carcasses of sacred docurinal cows.

The Government had two priorities: to offer support for the opportunities of reform to Eastern Europe and the Soviet Linion and to ensure that security and stability were maiotained and strengthened in the transition to this new pattern of

It was important that Western businesses and companies in-volved themselves in the pro-cess. Their experience and skills would be desperately needed. view because it was likely to be some time before investments vicided returns, but rewards would accrue as reform pro-

'Hooliganism help' being offered to the Italians

Everything possible would be done to help the Italian Government and authorities to mini-mize trouble with British football supporters during the World Cup which starts in June, Mr Colin Moynihan, Minister for Sport, said during questions.

Things had gone wrong and must be put right.

Sir Peter Tapsell (Lindsey

East, C) said that international

financial opinion was far more worried about the prospect of

Mr Smith said that the

stresses and strains which ster-

ling was undergoing today were a direct result of yesterday's

Budget and the economic fun-

cheers).

recovery.

He was replying to Mr Denis Howell, Oppsition spokesman on sport, who said it would be disastrous if British and Dutch soccer fans were allowed to go ahead with arranging their own fight "fixtures". Mr Mnynihan had said earlier

that the Government was providing help to the Italian authorities with safety and sec-urity measures. An inter-departmental working party co-ordinated British measures on World Cup preparations.

Mr Tom Pendry (Stalybridge and Hyde, Lab) called for the

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use of police spotters and a repeat of the alcohol restrictions so successful in Dusseldorf.

Mr Movnikan said that spothad proved invaluable in the effort to reduce hooliganism. British expertise would be on offer to the Italian authorities. Fifty Italian carabinieri were at present in England, not, as

some newspapers had suggested, to learn English as it was understood by fontball fans, but to study British policing of football. He agreed that alcohol restrictions were vital, and that subject would be discussed in a forthcoming ministerial visit to

nine names on their computer of people who could be stopped under Part II of the Football Spectators Act, from travelling to overseas matches. What would the minister do to stop those who had misbehaved

from leaving British shores dur-ing the World Cup?

Mr Movnihan said that Part II of the Act would be in force, he hoped, by the end of April. He offered to look closely at any additional ideas which Mr Howell put forward to help with the booligan problem. Mr Michael Jack (Fylde, C)

said that many Lancashire foot-ball fans would not be able to go to Italy because they face exces sive community charge de-mands imposed by the Labour-controlled county council Mr Hewell asked whether it (laughter and protests).

Breath test powers enough'

The Government has concluded that existing police powers to stop and breathalyse drivers strike the right balance between the need for effective enforcement of the law and freedom of the individual, Mr David Waddington, Home Sec-retary, said in a Commons written reply.

He said that the Gov ernment had concluded that the police had adequate powers to require roadside breath tests. The Govern-ment had considered the views expressed during its consultations on the matter. that the police should be able to operate high-profile enforcement as a deterrent against drink driving.

"Their present powers allow them to do so and statistics show that they are using their powers to good effect."

Council rent 'fantasy'

Government guidelines for local authority rent increases were pure fantasy, Mr Clive Soley, an Opposition spokesman on housing, said at questions.

What explanation could the Government give to Conservative councils such as Redbridge, which was raising its average rents by £15, the demands for which would arrive on doormats at the same time as the poll

Mr Michael Spicer, Minister for Housing and Planning, said that the guidelines were not figments of the imagination. They took account of borrowing costs for local authorities, rent rebates and an 8 per cent increase in maintenance costs. It remained government policy to get council rents more in line with market

£10m aid for Namibia

The Government is to contribute £10 million in aid to Namibia which became independent today, Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister for Overseas Development, announced in a Commons written reply.

The aid would focus on technical co-operation and rehabilitation, she said. Precise details will be agreed with the new Government.

BSE from feedstuffs

Five antelopes in British zoos have been confirmed as being affected by spongi-form encephalopathy, the so-called mad cow disease found in cattle, Mr David Maclean, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agri-culture, said in a Commons written reply.

The probable source of the infection, be said, was via commercial feedstuffs. The use of ruminant protein in ruminant feedstuffs has been banned since July 1988.

Tagging trial

The Government is now wider trial of electronic monitoring (tagging) in an area where substantial numbers can be monitored as a condition of bail, Mr John Patten, Minister of State, Home Office, said in a written reply. Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Home Office; Prime Minister. Budget debate continued. Lords (2.30): Landlord and Tenant (Liceosed

Premises) Bill, second reading. Debates oo overseas

aid and oo South Africa

'Unsolicited fax mail' protest

y Vandal Par send unsolicited acceptising matenal to anybody on an Offel list of far owners whe did not wish to receive it, and such a list should be producted as quickly as possible, Lady Sultoon of Abernethy (Ind) said during question time in the House of

Lord Trefgarne, Minister for Trade, said that a licence for running branch telecommunications systems issued by the Secretary of State under the Telecommunications Act required anyone making unsolic-ited sales calls by telephone or fax, to any particular person, to stop if requested.

It should be made an offence to licence. The licence also prosubscribers could register if they did oot wish to receive sales messages uf either a particular or general kind.

Lady Saltonra of Abernethy said that the Government should examine legislation introduced in some states in the US on the sending of unsolicited material, with a view to in-troducing its own legislation. Lord Trefgarne said that he

could not promise legislation. but he hoped that adequate protection could be provided by a code of practice which the Director General of Oftel was discussing with the professional Anyone refusing to comply and trade organizations con-

£112m for homeless shipouncement he had just made The Government is allocating

and the South-east in the next financial year, Mr Michael Spicer, Minister for Housing and Planning announced during Commons questions. It is intended to provide 5,000 extra homes this year to which people sleeping rough can go.

Mr Spicer said that he was working on proposals, but the

£112 milbon for accommodashould help. Mr Ronnie Fearn, Liberal tion for the homeless in London

Democrat spokesman on local government, said that spending on hosicis and council accommodation was far too little. Mr Spicer said that there was

already considerable bostel accommodation in London and the South-east. The question was whether the throughput was

Patten estimates average poll tax to be £363 The average community charge in England was estimated to be £363. Mr **ENVIRONMENT**

Christopher Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, said during ommons questions.
Mr Robert Clay (Sunderland North, Lab) said that Mr Patten's estimates of Lab) said that Mr Patten's estimates of the poil tax had probably been made "on a spare page of a fairy tale book". Councils of all political persuasions had oo average been forced to fix poll tax 30 per cent above Mr Patten's phoney enessimate.

Mr Patten and the Government had cynically misled the people on poll tax levels, so what right did they have to deliver sanctimonious lectures to millions of people who were determined to resist this evil tax? Mr Patten said that the main reason

for the levels of community charge was

that local authorities' gross revenue expenditure would be £5 billion higher next year than this year. With those figures, domestic rates would have increased by about 33 per cent. The only lecture he would give to people was to obey the law and pursue democratic arguments through the ballot box. "And I hope that is the lecture which the Opposition Front Bench will give to Mr Clay because I understand that he advocates that his

constituents should not pay their community charge, nor other people Mr Parten said later that the average ebarges in Labour-controlled London boroughs were £167 higher than in Conservative boroughs.

Mr William McKelvey (Kilmarnock and Loudoun, Lab) said that not one

person in Scotland had benefited from the proposed changes to the poll tax

Mr Robert Clay, who complained about "fairy-tale estimates".

announced by the Chancellor yes-

terday.

Mr Patten said research showed that people in low-income households in Scotland were paying a smaller proportion of their income in community charge than they had paid in He said later that the Department of

Social Security would be discussing with local authorities how to ensure that the new community charge relief announced by the Chancellor would be paid as quickly as possible.

He told Mr Peter Pike (Burnley, Lab), who accused him of "knocking"

local authorities, that all too many local authorities were "knocking community charge payers". Community charge benefits were more generous than benefits available under Mr David Blunkett, an Opposition spokesman on the environment, said

understand that, while lifting the capital disregard for entitlement to rebate on poli tax and housing benefit, there had been a failure to alter the As a result, those with capital investments, despite lifting the ceiling to £16,000, would not be entitled

that the Treasury and the Department of the Environment did not seem to

under existing rules to rebate or housing benefit.
Was the Government prepared to change the rules which involved £1 of savings being counted for every £250 of capital savings over £3,000 so that people could get the enntlement? making a complete mess of this, they have misled people into thinking that they are entitled to belp that they will

ont get."
Mr Patten said that Mr Blunkett was not well informed. The taper was already more generous than it had been. That was why so many more people would benefit under the new system than had benefited under the previous one.

During earlier questions, Mr Bryan

Gould, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment, asked what estimate there was on how many poll tax charge-capped authorities had prepared and issued revised bills and on how much this would add to the already excessive cost of collecting the

What belp was being offered in respect of the cash flow problems such authorities would face? He asked Mr David Hunt, Minister for Local Government and Inner Cities, if he had any idea of the impossible burden he was putting on

already hard pressed local authority

treasurers, Tory as well as Labour, because of his refusal to specify what the charge cap criteria would be.

Mr Hunt said that Parliament had decided to give power to charge cap to the Secretary of State. When all the budget information had been considered, decisions would be announced to

the House.

"Until then it would be wrong for me to speculate about the dimension or operation of any capping scheme, but we have made clear that we shall cap autorities which have chosen to budget excessively."

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North,
Lab) asked why, despite government
propaganda, the poll tax was so widely

that Tory councils were rightly resign-ing the Tory whip in opposition to Mr Hunt said that it was unfair that people living in Conservative wards in the Walsall area, bowever they voted were receiving only £298 a head spent

hated throughout the country and why Cabinet members did not stand up to

the Prime Minister in the same way

on them by the council, while people in the Labour areas would have £425 through the community charge.

That was the policy of the hard left oo the council. It was a policy of looking after their own and blow the rest. And it was a scendal.

rest. And it was a scandal,
Mr Donald Thompson (Calder Valiey, C) asked for an assurance that those who were entitled to community charge rebates would receive them. Mr Hunt said that the Government would do everything possible to ensure that they did. It was oot correct that people with over £10,000 would out be entitled to a rebate. It was also incorrect that people would lose their transitional relief

where their council was spending more than the Government's assessment. Some ten million were entitled to rebates and about seven-and a-half million were entitled to transitional Mr Gould asked if the minister had had representations from Tory authorities whose spending was 31 per

cent above the Government's projections, within a whisker of the national figure of 35 per cent. Could be guarantee that there would be no further Tory resignations?

Mr Hunt said that he had received protests and representations from

Tory councils on the extent to which they put into the safety net to protect losing areas which, in the main, were Labour areas. If he were to take out of the comparison the safety net contributions, he would find that the average Labour charges were far above the average in Conservative areas

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From Anatol Lieven Vilnius

Lithuanian deserters from the Soviet Army have been given four days to return to their units "or they will be returned by force".

The warning was issued by Colonel-General Fyodor Kuzmin, commander of the Baltic Military Region. But not one of the deserters has any intention of obeying the

Most Lithuanians regard the warning as another exam-ple of psychological pressure, similar to President Gorba-chov's "ultimatum" to the Lithuanian Government last Friday, which he later claimed was not an ultimatum at all

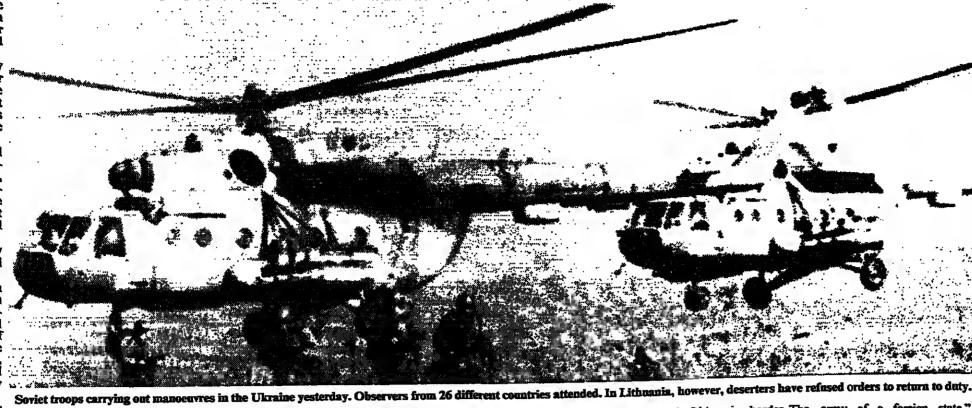
Lithuanian police are now divided in their loyalties and in actions against deserters. Mr Valeryonas Sadreyka, a

member of the commission on military affairs of the Lithuanian Supreme Council, said that since the declaration of independence the police have ceased to pursue deserters, and have released several whom they had previously

However, there are continuing reports of officers and military police arresting deserters, and many are taking precautions and staying away from home.

"Don't worry, we are hiding them," said a mother who with others accompanied sons yesterday to the Lithuanian Government's registration centre at the Supreme Council building in Vilnius.

More than 260 deserters have registered since the for soldiers, admitted that "we declaration of independence can ensure legal protection but 10 days ago. One, Ilmaras V, not physical protection. We



his arrival from East Germany on home leave.

"I believe that I will be protected," he said, but his refusal to divulge his surname

Mr Mecys Laurinkus, a deputy and chairman of the committee on legal protection

dependence was passed.

Islamic terrorists and an-

Until the decision, Buda-

the Soviet Union to a new life

in Israel. The other main

The transit points are of

between the Soviet Union and

from Cairo.

still wearing the uniform of the Air Transport Corps, decided to desert yesterday on situation and saying that all tected by the Lithuanian Government, but we have received

> The registration exercise is also intended to provide "protection" for Lithuanians have deserted, and around 50,000 still serving in

It is hoped that this will

return home safely, a request that the Lithuanian Government has asked Mr Gorbachov to respect.

The declaration of independence has also coincided with reports of sharp increases in bullying of Lithuanian sol-

In the past, the bullying has amounted, on occasions, to torture and led to dozens of deaths and suicides among Baltic recruits in recent years.

Deserters said yesterday

that Soviet officers do not to the Lithuanian border. The actually take part in beatings, but their abuse of the Lithuanians as "fascists" during political indoctrination sessions is contributing to the nian soldiers. atmosphere of hostility.

Most of the soldiers at the registration centre yesterday had "deserted" by over-staying their home leave. But four Lithuanians from a

parachnte battalion at Vitebsk, who tried to desert three days ago, were arrested close Lithuanian. I can't serve in the be called up.

of forming a competent East

German Government yes-

terday Herr Helmut Kohl said

it could take until 1992 to

The West German Chan-

cellor obviously still bopes it

can be achieved sooner than

that, but be is now after "a

smooth evolution, not a hectic one". His preferred timetable

is for East German accession

to the West German Constitu-

tion to be agreed shortly after the general elections here on

December 2, with the East Germans then voting for their

own representatives to the

First, however, he must win that election and - though his

prospects look very rosy at the

moment - he has to overcome

two big obstacles. One is that

he has to create a credible East

German government capable

of negotiating and passing the

myriad technical legislation

required to make unity pos-

sible. Without this the exodus

from the East to the West is

likely to speed up, causing social problems that will

undermine Herr Kohl's

His other challenge is to

head off the populist appeal of the opposition Social Demo-

crats, who yesterday unveiled

their vote-winning plan for keeping a united Germany

only in a non-nuclear Nato.

with an army strength cut by a

half, a corresponding cut in

The difficulty of forming an

East German government was

discussed over the dinner

table at the Chancellor's bun-

galow here last night, when he

was host to the leaders of the three parties which made np

manocuvres.

present dominant position.

Bundestag next year.

achieve German unity.

father of a sergeant from the same unit said his son was due for leave this week, but it was now being refused for Lithua-

Most of the deserters said the decisive factor in their leaving was, not the maltreatment, but Lithuania's declaration of independence. Some were strongly patriotic. Sigitas Radzevicius, a driver in the air force, said: "I am a

haul to reunification

From Ian Murray, Bonn

have any real exprience of

government. Herr Lothar de

Maizière, the leader of the

Christian Democrats who -

thanks to Herr Kohl's cam-

paigning - won nearly 41 per

cent of the votes, is a shy,

devout and private man who

Pastor Rainer Eppelmann,

who was a leading dissident

for years, has more experience

but his Democratic Awaken-

ing party scored under 1 per

cent and holds only four seats

in the Volkskammer. Pastor

Hans-Wilhelm Ebeling of the

German Social Union also

dissident in Leipzig, playing a

leading role in organizing the

early demonstrations there,

but again he has no real

depth. Herr Kohl is drafting in

Herr Elmer Pieroth, a close

political ally and a business-

man, to run the East German

There is also talk of trying to

Church, to join the

far to join a grand coalition, the three Alliance parties are

faced with preparing a mass of

complicated and often contro-

versial legislation and passing

it through the Volkskammer

with the likely help of the

However, as constitutional

changes are involved in some

of the necessary laws, it could

prove difficult to pass them

without the support of the SPD as well. The most urgent

To overcome this lack of

political experience.

Economics Ministry.

government.

came to prominence as a

is frankly out of his depth.

munist rule, none of the three essary agreement reached on have any real exprience of this by the end of next month,

However, he has yet to decide whether to serve in the new force of border guards being

encouraged to join this force, the recruitment for which is being organized by the Sajudis national movement rather than by the administration.

Most of the deserters said they would serve, but were

or the beginning of May, so

that there will be time for the required legislation to be

passed through both the Bun-destag and the Volkskammer

by July 1 - the date on which

resettlement benefits to East

For the moment the victory

of the Alliance seems to be

encouraging people to stay.

• BRUSSELS: Germany's

most senior official here has

outlined a three-stage plan to

bring East Germany firmly

into the European Commu-

nity after German unification

The plan envisages that East

Germany will become a de

facto part of the EC in one or

two years' time, but foresees a

lengthy grace period before it could be exposed to the full

Speaking just two days be-

fore Chancellor Kohl visits

Brussels to allay fears of

Germany neglecting its EC

commitments, Herr Martin

the Commission must be

allowed to participate fully in

Herr Bangemann also called

on the 11 other Community

governments to offer collec-

in any way against unification".

Dismissing fears that the EC had lost the diplomatic initia-

tive over the German ques-

tion, Herr Bangemann said

effective EC membership.

(Peter Guilford writes).

force of EC law.

persuade the Rev Manfied Bangemann, the EC Commis-Stolpe, the respected leader of sioner for Industry and the

East Berlin's Evangelical Internal Market, said that that

With the Social Democrats negotiations, as unification (SPD) in the East unwilling so would give East Germany

Germans are to be ended.

preme Soviet, or by a petition signed by one-tenth of the republic's population. The referendum, which Kohl sees a two-year must take place more than six'

months after the initial order, must produce a two-thirds majority in favour of secession.

Draft on

secession

fails to

satisfy

From Mary Dejevsky Moscow

As Moscow continued its

pressure on Lithuania not to implement its declaration of independence, the promise

bill on secession received its

first reading in the Soviet Parliament - to general

Lithuanian deputies and some reform-minded Russian deputies thought it was too restricted, many Russians considered it left their

compatriots without adequate

security, and almost every speaker complained of the

The first most deputies

knew about it - even those

who had taken part in drafting

the new law - was when they

were presented with it you

It was headed: "Law of the

USSR: On the order of deciding questions related to the

terday morning.

instance.

conditions.

dissatisfaction.

haste.

The question is then re-ferred to the USSR Congress of People's Deputies for initial approval, but only after the central authorities and all the other republics have been asked for their views.

The congress determines a transitional period - the suggested period is five years for details such as finances and Soviet troops to be worked out.

Once all these conditions: have been fulfilled and the transition period is complete to everyone's satisfaction, secession can take place.

As several deputies pointed out, the two-thirds majority in a referendum will be nigh-impossible even for ethnically homogeneous Lithuania to. achieve, and completely-impossible for most republicawhere the proportion of Rus-sians is higher.

Polling in Georgia postponed

From Nick Worrall

The elections planned for next Sunday in the Soviet republic of Georgia have been posts poned until at least October to give emerging political parties a chance to take part.

Under pressure from groups threatening a boycott and from the Georgian nationlists; the republic's Supreme Soviet tive encouragement to the Germans "in order to avoid an image of the Eleven being took the decision at a hurriedly convened meeting on-Tuesday evening. At the same time, the parliament voted to: nution and do away with the guarantees of power for the Communist Party.

Radical parties, grouped under the umbrella of the National Forum, had been threatening for some months to boycott the elections, saying that taking part implied recognition nition of Moscow's armed occupation of Georgia in

Then the Popular Front, the mainstream nationalist oppocontest the elections, suddenly. changed its policy and demanded a postponement to allow time to organize multi-

party elections. The elections were to be

Spies 'rife Latvia thinks twice on among independence question new From Anatol Lieven, Vilnius deputies'

Latvian Popular Front met yesterday to discuss their programme when the new parliament opens next month, and whether they should fol-low Lithuania in declaring independence.

The Popular Front has be-tween 113 and 121 seats of the 170 decided in the first round of elections on Sunday. The first round, and need to win 28 confusion is because many "Popular Front" candidates came from different parties, but were standing with Popular Front support.

This lack of clear-cut party boundaries and discipline may make the process of decision a difficult one. There Mrs Tatyana Zhdanok, said is a feeling among more that the fact that the percent-radical Popular Front mem- age of the non-Latvian bers that Lithuania had shown population is not reflected in the way, and that it would be parliamentary representation was due to an unfair division

case from Lithuania.

It seems that supporters of independence in the Latvian the Interfront chairman in toms remaining with Moscow.

Deadline

set for

reforms

Moscow (Reuter) — A target date of May 1 has been set for the final drafting of radical laws and decrees that will

open up the Soviet Union to a

market economy, a well-con-

nected Moscow publication

Commersant, weekly paper

of the Union of Co-operatives,

said the package of 20 mea-sures included laws on price

reform, foreign investment,

free enterprise, decrees on

creating a bond market and

new procurement prices for agricultural produce.

It said a previously un-

published government decree

was approved on March 11

declaring that it was "imper-

auve ... 10 speed up the

transfer to a planned market economy". It added: "Thus,

the five-year struggle between "horsemen" and the "traders"

has ended in favour of a

market economy." Commers-

ant said, referring to the period since Mr Gorbachov

Among Soviet economists the term "horsemen" is used

to describe supporters of a

carefully planned centralized

economy and "traders" those

who back a full-blooded free

agency suggested this week

that Mr Gorbachov would use

his new powers as President to

set the country along the path

of a "Polish solution" to its

Interfax, whose report was

backed by Moscow econo-

mists close to a commission

working under Mr Leonid Abalkin, Deputy Prime Min-

ister and head of economic

reform, said there were 17

measures and they were all to

be passed into law by July 1.

sures, which from its wording

seemed to have been drawn

directly from a leaked text of

the decree, left little doubt that

Mr Gorbachov had opted to

follow Poland's path under the

Solidarity Government.

Commersant's list of mea-

The report came after the independent Interfax news

enterprise system.

economic woes.

came to power in 1985.

said yesterday.

Newly-elected deputies of the parliament will have the two- Latvia, said the movement "does not wish to disturb the thirds majority necessary to declare independence if they peace". He said the division in

wish to do so. Of the 31 seats
still to be decided, the Popular
an ideological one. Front needs only to win 14 in The threat of Latvian secesorder to gain such a majority. sion led President Gorbachov Opponents of independence, mainly Russians grouped beon Tuesday to summon the Latvian Communist Party hind the movement Interand government leadership to front, won only 39 seats in the Moscow. He made the same offer to them that he had made to the Estonians on Monday— that of a "new federation" with a special status for the more in order to block a vote for independence. Speaking on television, Mr Baltic republics. Anatoli Alexeyev, an Inter-

front leader and one of the The members of the Latnew deputies, admitted that this would be impossible. vian group said later that they had replied, as had the Esto-Another Interfront leader, nians, that Latvia must be "juridically a subject in international law and international relations, a member of the United Nations with its own embassies". was due to an unfair division

From Christopher Walker, Cairo

In a severe blow to Israel, Before the suspension, the

Maley, Hungary's state- main fears had been expressed

owned airline, yesterday about security at Bucharest's caved in to threats from Otopeni airport where sec-

nounced that it was suspend- December revolution which

ing all flights of Soviet Jews from Budapest to Tel Aviv. those previously in charge.

pest had been one of the main ment came as a direct re-

transit points for the many sponse to the threat against

Jews making their way from airports, airlines and planes

routes being used are via Israel issued last week in Vienna, Bucharest and Beirus by the Islamic Jihad for Cyprus, with a small number the Liberation of Palestine,

of Jews thought also to be one of the shadowy promaking their way overland Iranian groups holding West-

special importance in organ-izing the flow of Jewish emi-agency MTI stated: "Malev

grants because in deferrence to has informed MTI that be-

repeated Arab protests, Mos- cause of the threats ... it has

cow has refused to implement suspended the transportation

an agreement for direct flights of Soviet immigrants to Israel

Israel which was to have come jeopardize the safety of into effect on January 1. passengers and aircraft."

Some analysts believe that, Russian population of Latvia in Latvia, the republic may is about 48 per cent of the total, makes it a very different in undemocratic vote of inwith responsibility for de-However, Mr Igor Lopatin, fence, foreign affairs and cus-

urity is lax in the wake of the

The Hungarian announce-

associated with the mass

emigration of Soviet Jews to

ern hostages in Lebanon.

In a report from Budapest,

because it does not wish to

deputies. Just days before the election Budapest stops flights for Jews

Particularly worrying for the new government is the infiltration by the West German service, the BND. Herr Hans Modrow, who remains in office as Prime Minister pending the formation of the new government, is known to

The Stasi worked exten-sively for the KGB and it is inevitable that its best material has been passed on to

called in all East German agents, many are believed to be working still for the KGB

On KGB orders they might Volkskammer member's past, so Herr Fischer needs to move

The presence of informants in the new parliament suggests a wide channel for Soviet access into West German intelligence at a time when Bonn is restructuring its sec-

As he assessed the difficulties

From Anne McElvoy, East Berlin, and Ian Murray, Bonn

More than a tenth of the 400 East German MPs elected on Sunday were formerly working for the Stasi and many may now be in the pay of the according to information held by the Commission for the Dissolution of the Stasi in East

Both Herr Werner Fischer, who beads the Commission, and Herr Rainer Eppelmann, the leader of the Democratic Awakening party, are calling for all deputies to undergo security clearance before they take their posts in the Volksammer.

Herr Fischer told Cologne Express that he be-lieves many MPs ranging across all political parties were active informants before last November, Herr Eppelmann said he had seen Stasi files incriminating more than 40

on Sunday, Herr Eppelmann's party was shaken by revela-tions that Herr Wolfgang Schnur, its leader, had given information to the Stasi while representing dissidents.

have told Bonn that East Germany is displeased.

Moscow. Although Herr Fischer has

and their identity probably is unknown to Herr Fischer.

swiftly.

Herr Ibrahim Böhme, the Social Democrat

three parties which made np the victorious Alliance for Germany that won 48.14 per sial changes — are those needed to make a currency held in Dublin on April 28, proved that the EC "had the investion firmly in hand". **Berlin SPD rethink over coalition**

East Berlin - East Germany's Social Democrats are reconsidering their refusal on Monday to join a grand coalition with the conservative Alliance for Germany to govern the country on the road to reunification (Anne

(SPD) leader, admitted yesterday that the party's 87 newly elected deputies disagreed with the decision of the ruling executive to stay in opposition. Talks were beld last night between the two sections with the result expected to be

announced today. The dispute centres around the desirability of governing East Germany with a two-thirds majority which the Alliance for Germany can only attain by offering participation to the Social Democrats.

Herr Lothar de Maizière, the Alliance's leader, is keen to form a coalition with the SPD to enact changes to the constitution for which a two-thirds majority is required.

similar to those being held in most other republics.

Thatcher urges businessmen to invest in Czechoslovakia

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister last night strongly backed Czechoslovakia's intention to join the trial powers of Europe. Council of Europe as she urged British businessmen ain will offer expert help in and financiers to invest in the creating employment, and you will have enthusiastic

taken place in Czecbo- deal with structural changes in slovakia. Mrs Thatcher an- the labour market. nounced the start of a programme under the know- delegation of Czechoslovak Europe were essential to safehow fund to develop cooperation and investment in look at how Britain dealt with the restructuring of the economy.

of President Havel of Czechoslovakia at 10 Downing Street that husinessmen should remember the reserves of skill and enterprise which had return once more to Europe. she said.

developing small firms, health Hailing the changes that had and safety at work and how to

The Government expects a tence that US forces based in officials to travel to London to guard stability on the contithe large-scale redundancies at British Steel and British Coal She told a dinner in honour and the role played by enterprise bodies in helping new industries to develop.

Mrs Thatcher said Britain wanted to see Czechoslovakia alongside our armed forces,

made Czechoslovakia in the "I hope we can rapidly de-1930s one of the great indus-velop a closer association between Czechoslovakia and Under the programme, Brit- the European Community support, too, for your intention to join the Council of Europe," sbe said. But she reiterated her insis-

> nent. The framework of the Helsinki Accords should be strengthened but that was not an alternative to Nato. "Experience has taught us that we need the presence of American forces in Europe

Tongue-lashing for Eurospeak

From Peter Guilford, Brussels

the first-ever annual "Eurospeak Award", handed down by an angry body of consumer she said. groups who claim Euro-jargon has become so incomprehensible that even the EC's legally trained staff have trouble wading through it.

Two British consumer bodies made the award - a small glass pyramid and two pens - after a panel of 12 judges decided that of all the EC's ible tomes (and in nine laninstitutions, the Commission had concocted the finest gobbledygook of all.

Presenting the award in Brussels, Mrs Eirlys Roberts, director of European Research into Consumer Affairs, said she hoped it would lead to a olives falling within sub- awards grew out of the fact language consumers could headings 07.01 N II and 07.03 that EC staff as well as

The European Commission grasp. How can the 12 memA II of the Common Customs consumers could often not make head or tail of EC tries if the meaning of the (EC) and 23.04 A II of the Common directive itself is ambiguous?" The winning samples were

chosen from a selection of legalistic phrases - six in English, two in French and one each in German. Dutch. Spanish and Portuguese some of which were plucked from the EC's Official Journal, churned out daily in undigestguages) by Brussels. The leads to the levies being fixed as indicated in Annex 11 to this importance to businesses try-

ing to keep track of EC law.

Customs Tariff must be calculated from the minimum levy applicable on the olive oil contained in these products; whereas, however, the levy charged for olive oil may not be less than an amount equal to 8 per cent of the value of the imported product, such amount to be fixed at a standard rate; whereas application of these provisions leads to the levies being fixed

Regulation." Mr Stephen Crampion, of Among the most baffling the Consumers in the Euroentries was the quotation: pean Community Group, said "Whereas the import levy on the decision to launch the

documents. "Even Commission officials are managing to baffle each other." he said. Other EC institutions were

guilty too, he said, citing this example from a recent Euro pean Court of Justice ruling Article 30 of the Treaty must be interpreted as meaning that? the prohibition which it lays down does not apply to national rules prohibition actail. ional rules prohibiting retailers from opening their premises on Sunday where the ses on Sunday where the restrictive effects on Community trade which may result. therefrom do not exceed the effects intrinsic to rules of that kind". Meaning that govern-ments can stop shops from opening on Sunday, if it does not hinder trade from other EC countries too much. EC countries 100 much.

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Alarm grows over fate of Hungarians

From Michael Binyon, Budapest

As concern deepened over the strength is growing daily. And Hungary's Foreign Minister, yesterday called together all opposition parties to discuss

the second time in two days to to act militarily as before. demand protection for Hungarians in Romania...

The Government also sent letters to all signatories of the Helsinki Accords urging them to put pressure on Bucharest to take swift action. And it

But the Foreign Ministry categorically ruled out any Hungarian intervention. This is absolutely out of the question," Mr Imre Szokai, a Deputy Foreign Minister,

However, he accused the sylvania today. Romanians of exacerbating Dr Jozsef Ar the situation by stepping up army readiness, giving the impression that Hungary was preparing to invade.

He described the latest developments in Transylvania as ominous and approaching civil war. The Bucharest Government had done nothing to curb the activities of Vatra Romaneasca, which he called a "fascist organization", failure to act earlier has given pressure on Romania."

fate of ethnic Hungarians in the Government is afraid to Romania, Mr Gyula Horn, act because of the elections in

May." Mr Szokai said Hungary poposition parties to discuss alone had little influence on Romania. But he ruled out any intervention by the Warment yesterday summoned saw Pact saying it was being the Romanian ambassador for restructured, and was not able

"We have to find an effective means of solving such conflicts in a European context," he said.

The crisis has temporarily eclipsed the election campaign here. All parties have conhinted that it may seek an urgent meeting of the United Nations' Security Council.

demand the pogroms in Romania, demanding tough action by Budapest. action by Budapest. Yesterday the youth wing of

the Hungarian Democratic Forum was preparing a con-voy across the border into Tirgu Mures. The party offered to escort domestic and foreign journalists into Tran-Dr Jozsef Antall, the party

president, denied that the action could be seen by Romania as a provocation. "We just want to show the world what

is happening," he said.

The crisis may well boost support for the right-wing parties, especially the Smallholders and the Democratic Forum.

Dr Antall said: "War cannot be started on this issue. But all openly promoting racist and political and diplomatic tools anti-Semitic policies. Their must be used to put extra

Vatra Romaneasca a big in-fluence on people. They are chanting slogans We want to

Cruel legacy of age-old conflict

From Ernest Beck, Budapest

"In the foreseeable future Securitate, were the spark there will be no more national which led to the revolution. minorities in Romania - only one socialist nation" the late issue of Hungarian education Nicolae Ceausescu once and cootinuing demands for

language, culture and way of and other attacks over the past life of the two million ethnic mooth by Romanian nationalfailed, the legacy of his policies and the age-old conflicts which inspired them remain the root cause of the violent clashes which erupted this

week in Transylvania. For Hungary this large paroct of land, known as Erdely, is in many ways the cradle of its ancient Magyar civilization, a place where their language is still considered pure and free of foreign influences, and the great universities of old medi-

eval Hungary were founded. It was only in Transylvania that the hated Ottoman Empire failed to inflict its 150year rule and the Hungarian culture could freely flourish.

Transylvania was awarded First World War peace treaty of Trianon in 1920, however, on the ground that, despite centuries-old Hungarian and Austrian rule, the majority was Romanian at the end of the Great War.

The grievances of the Hungarian minority in Transylvania, outnumbered 4-to-1 by Romanians, led to protests against the Ceausescu regime in December last year. Their protests, in defiance of the Romanian Army and the genocidal status quo.

After the revolution the proudly predicted.

Although the dictator's systematic efforts to wipe out the outbreak of beatings, reprisals Hungariaos in Romania ists, which was but a foretaste of this week's violence.

"Give us back our schools" was the cry as thousands of Hungarian students, euphoric about the December revolotion and eager for the quick implementation of equal rights, took to the streets throughout Transylvania. But some Romanians came to see this as an outright call to separatism and splitting the natioo, inspired by demands for a greater Hungary.

The slow suffocation of Hungarian-language centres of learning under Ceausescu began with the closure in 1959 of the Hungarian University in the city of Cluj, while at the same time the authorities to Romania following the carried out a forced resettlement programme which brought a new surge of Romanians to the Hungarian enclave. Soon all Hungarian schools were closed and Hungarian speakers forced to attend classes in Romanian. Hungarian publications were banned and radio stations closed, cutting off the vital cultural link to a new generation.

The communist regimes in both countries played an important role in maintaining

Bogotá (AFP) - Warrants have been issued here for the arrest of two Britons, identified as Mr Brian Tomkins and Mr Peter McAlecse, allegedly training assassins for Colombian drug barons, General Carlos Arturo Casadiego, the deputy police chief, said yesterday. He said the two men were operating in a jungle area of northern Colombia known as Magdaleno Medio.

Immunity deal Car murder

Managua (Reuter) - The Mogadishn (Reuter) - Peter Nicaraguan Nutional Assembly, dominated by the outgoing left-wing Sandinista Front, has granted life-long legal immunity to former presidents and vice-presidents and immunity to future ones during their terms of office.

Mugabe threat

Harare - President Mugabe of Zimbabwe has threatened to dismiss any civil servants who support opposition parties in the country's second general election on Wednesday and Thursday next week.

Dynamite raid

Paris - Six masked men boarded a barge moored in the Gulf of Ajaccio, off Corsica. Kampala (Reuter) - Uganda's and stole about 551b of dynamile and 50 detonators. No organization has claimed responsibility.

third consecutive day to protest against the compulsory isy-off of 1,406 staff.

White, a British official working for the World Bank in Somalia, was shot dead when he refused to hand over his car keys to thieves.

Aid arrives

Addis Ababa (AP) - A small lorry convoy unloaded food for famioe vicums here after running the gauntlet of the northern Ethiopian war zone.

Students held

Kathmandn (AFP) - Nepalese authorities released hundreds of people detained at an antigovernment conference, but later arrested 80 students.

Uganda ban

ruling National Resistance Movement has extended for five years the han on political parties first imposed in 1986.

Strike goes on Transplant bar Tokyo (AP) - About 5,000 Jedda (AP) - Islamic theolomilway workers went on a 24- gians have ruled at a conhour strike in Japan for the ference that the transplant of human sex organs carrying hereditary genes is forbidden by the Muslim faith.

British holiday for the orphan hero



Florin Vieru, aged 12, a Romanian orphan who claimed to have placed the flag on the city hall in Bucharest at the height of the revolution, surveying Manchester airport yesterday. He is among a group of 139 children who have arrived in Britain for an 11-day holiday to help them recover from the unrest. They are here as guests of the Romanian Orphans Appeal.

Populist sparks off deep division in Civil Forum

From Peter Green, Brno, Czechoslovakia

free parliamentary elections a radical populist in the Moravian capital of Brno has provoked a deepening split in Civil Forum, the coalition that hrought down Com-

munist rule last November. Lower ranking Civil Forum members are dissatisfied with what they see as an overdose of closed-door decision-mak-

ing by the leadership. Nationally the problem was put to rest when Civil Forum leaders met in Prague on Tuesday and agreed to open

But in Brno, 200 kilometres south-east of Prague, the local Civil Forum parliament was to vote last night on expelling the populist, Mr Petr Cibulka. The parliament is reportedly split evenly between Cibulka followers and Civil Forum

supporters. Mr Cihulka, aged 40, leads an anti-Communist campaign that has gained the unrequested support of Mo-ravian nationalists. In the past few weeks he has led several thousand followers on to the streets of Brno.

Until last week Mr Cihulka, a surveyor and an ex-cell mate of President Havel, was a member of the local Civil Forum's ruling council, and

Only two-and-a-half months he still directs its press operabefore Czechoslovakia's first tions. Civil Forum hopes to recover control of those.

Mr Cibulka's offensive is directed at Dr Jaroslav Sabata. until last week also a leader of the local Civil Forum and still a deputy in Czechoslovakia's Federal Assembly, where he holds two key leadership

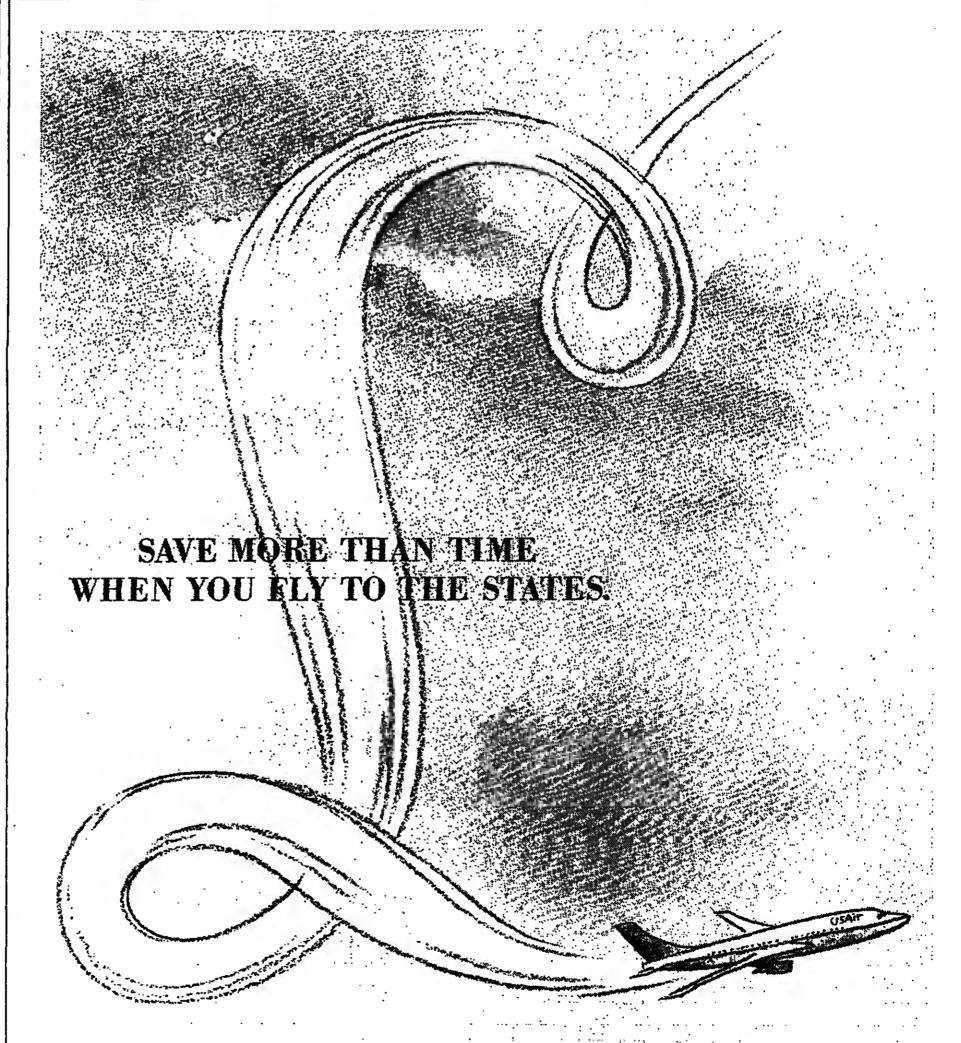
posts.
Mr Cibulka and his followers accuse Dr Sabata and the local Civil Forum of playing "cabinet politics" and of being "closet democratic

They say Dr Sabata has gone too easy on the Communists and have called for their man to replace Dr Sabata in the Federal Assembly.

Dr Sabata, aged 60, was Brno's Communist Party head until the 1968 Soviet invasion. but later spent many years in jail for dissident activities. Dr Sabata's private sec-retary, said: "The core of the

problem is the political conception of democracy. Cibulka's for direct democracy, and Dr Sabata for a sort of parliamentary democracy." Local Civil Forum leaders worry that if Mr Cibulka is not

stopped now he will attract the support of other extremist groups. This, they fear, could lead to anarchy in the streets of Brno.



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A presidential aide sticks

Down the road, Mr Nelson

world affairs as it plays host to
150 foreign delegations attending the independence premium

While a rainbow of human-

ity drawn from myriad races

and tribes dances in the

streets, sirens announce a

bewildering cross-flow of VIPs

rushing from one top-level meeting to another. Amiable

chaos prevails as official motorcades flash past children

dressed as penguins, a giant motorized boot signifying "the step into a new era", and

students urging citizens to "save the gay whale".

The flurry of political consultations which have

nothing to do with Namibia's

independence has spawned a

popular joke that Mr Nujoma

is the best man at his own

wedding. Mr Baker and Mr Shevardnadze had to forego

an official function, because of

meetings with each other and

lesser stars in the diplomatic

Some of the meetings are

historic, most are important,

and a few are embarrassing. A

ranking member of a Sovier

"Our talks were positive and constructive," Mr de

Klerk said as they smiled and shook hands for press photo-

graphers. Mr Shevardnadze

continued: "I just want to add

that it was a necessary meeting

which has taken place in an

important phase of the dev-

elopment of this region, and of

Stirring stuff. Mr de Klerk

appeared to be less pleased by

a chance encounter with Mr

Yassir Arafat, the chairman of

the Palestine Liberation Org-

him in a sports stadium and

warmly shook his hand in full

view of the international me-

dia. Ever the opportunist, Mr

smile was distinctly strained.

drowned out the tribal drums

outside Mr Genscher's res-

idence to bid him a happy 63rd birthday. Mr Baker en-

tered inm the festive spirit and

presented the minister with a

gift, saying: "You share the same hirthday as Namibia,

With accommodation at a

premium in the normally sleepy inwn of 100,000 people, international incidents are in-

evitable. South African sound

technicians preparing for a.

concert emerged shaken from

a late-night confrontation in the Safari Hotel when they

banged on the wrong door to

rouse a member of their crew. The angry Libyans who

opened it apparently believed

For the Namibian or-

ganizers, the independence

party has been a logistical

nightmare. A consignment of

flags of the attending nations

was delivered without identi-

fication or instructions on

which way up they should be

flown. The problem was solved at the last minute with

a curio shop producing a table

flags of the world.

90-minute conference be-tween Mr de Klerk and Mr Shevardnadze yesterday was the first between a South of..."—pause to confer with an aide—"... Palestine." Up popped Mr Arafat, grinning.

The Namibian Cabinet

President Sam Najoma: Prime Minister Hage Geingob: Attorney-General Harmut Ruppel; Home Affairs Hilikepunye

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Health, Social Services Nicky Iyambo; Labour, Public Service,

Manpower Development Hendrik Witbooi: Local Government.

Housing Libertine Amathila: Wildlife, Conservation, Tourism

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Kapelwa: Lands, Resettlement, Rehabilitation Marco Hausilor,

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Even Mr Hage Geingob, the

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takes chance to sound out the Kremlin

From Michael Knipe in Windhoek and Fred Bridgland in Johannesburg

Union and South Africa have mittee, now chaired by Vasily grown over the years, particu- Solodnikov, a hardliner who larly during the negotiations over the independence for bia helped build up the ANC's Namibia, but the two coun-tries are far from establishing Sizwe (The Spear of the diplomatic ties.

Yesterday in Windhoek, for the first time a South African head of state and a ranking a future South African Soviet minister held talks. But government. the 90-minute meeting between President de Klerk and Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, is as in recent years following the yet unlikely to speed np the

"I doubt if we are going to see movement soon towards the establishment of full diplomatic relations," said Professor Philip Nel, Director of Stellenbosch University's Institute for Soviet Studies and author of a newly pub-lished book A Soviet Embassy couraged visits of South Afin Pretoria.

He said the Soviet Union has stopped all deliveries of arms to the African National Congress, but there are still differences of opinion in the Soviet establishment.

President de Klerk was probably seeking from Mr Shevardnadze greater clarity on these divisions, he said.

The differences exist between the Soviet Foreign Min-istry and the Soviet Committee on Solidarity with the peoples of Asia and Africa. The latter, a creation of the other problems to resolve. Brezhnev era, is the Soviet Union's equivalent of the ing to capitalise on the anti-apartheid movement, Namibian independence to and was used to channel funds launch a diplomatic offensive to the ANC, said Dr Nell. The in Africa.

Contacts between the Soviet Afro-Asian Solidarity Comas Soviet ambassador to Zam-Nation), remains committed to the ANC.

He wants to see it dominate

The Soviet Foreign Ministry has been more flexible and pragmatic in its approach frequent contacts during the talks on Namibia's future. Relations became so warm that last year Anatoly Adamishin, then Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister in charge of Africa, made a secret trip to Pretoria while on an official visit to Mozambique.

rican trade representatives to Moscow and deals are being discussed for South Africa to provide mining technology in exchange for oil products. But it is significant, said Dr

Nell, that Mr Nelson Mandela, vice-president of the ANC, has been invited to Moscow not by the Foreign Ministry but by the Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee. He added it was doubtful

whether President Gorbachov would want to choose sides at this the moment when he had Pretoria, meanwhile, is aim-

De Klerk VIPs race round Windhoek diplomatic circuit From Gavin Bell, Windhoek



Mr Nelson Mandela, the ANC Vice-President, meeting Mr James Baker, the US Secretary of State, in Windhoek, yesterday. Below: President de Klerk of South Africa greeting Mr Eduard Shevadnardze, the Soviet Foreign Minister.



Bail for Ward suspects

Two safari park rangers de-tained last week by Kenyan detectives investigating the Julie Ward murder were released on police bail yesterday (Our Foreign Staff writes). Scotland Yard detectives called in hy President Moi to assist the investigation, indicated however that the two men may be charged with the murder of the British wild life enthusiast, whose charred remains were found in the Masai Mara game park 18

months ago. The inquiry now hinges on scientific evidence gathered by Scotland Yard forensic experts investigating the unrelated murder of Robert Ouko, the Kenyan Foreign Minister, who was shot and his body hurned.

Auctioneers offer reward

New York - Sotheby's and Christie's have offered \$1 million (£625,000) as a reward for the return of uninsured works of art, worth an esti-mated \$200 million, stolen from a Boston museum last Sunday (James Bone writes). The theft, from the Isabella

Stewart Gardner Museum, is reportedly the higgest art vanished from the Louvre in Paris in 1911.

Socialists to retain Maurov

Paris - French Socialist officials emerged from party headquarters after 15 hours of wrangling in announce that they would not be sacking M Pierre Mauroy as Secretary-General (Susan MacDonald

In an attempt to keep the warring factions within the ruling party happy, a new list of deputies is being drawn up, in which each grouping gets a military during the crushing of

China boosts military budget

From Catherine Sampson, Peking

Burma uproots opposition supporters

Burma's military government pro-democracy protests in Kyi, the opposition leader, move left them without is expelling people from their . 1988.

Kyi, the opposition leader, move left them without would have contested — suf-money. They lost not only

The military was given a proportions of total ex- military expenditure caused ister, described the situation financial lift in yesterday's penditure. The injection of by inflation". . . as "precarious", and listed Chinese budget, receiving a bigger percentage increase in funds than any other sector of the economy - apparently in policy. recognition of its increased importance since troops opened fire on anti-government demonstrators last June.

The armed forces were will get 28.97 billion yuan military spending. (£3.78 billion).

education have dropped as make up for the inadequacy of Bingqian, the Finance Min- na's ailing economy.

homes to distant "satellite"

towns in an apparent attempt

to weaken support for oppo-

sition parties in the national

elections in May.
One Western diplomat in

200,000 people had been evicted from the city, Man-

dalay and Taunggyi in the past

year. Another diplomat put the figure at "many tens of thousands", while a Rangoon

lawyer estimated the number

The families, described by

the authorities as "slum squat-

ters", have been forced out of

homes they have occupied for

Witnesses say that the Gov-

ernment has mixed motives

for these actions, including

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at half a million.

more than 30 years.

funds into the forces rather than to agriculture is inconsistent with recent statements of

and politicians have criticized policies of the past few years, which they say have neglected the peasants, and now emphaawarded a 15 per cent rise in size increased investment in more powerful Central Milifunds compared with 1989, agriculture. The windfall for tary Commission of the party while education received 9.8 the armed forces is also in- last November. per cent more and agriculture consistent with efforts in reper cent. National defence cent years to streamline

The Communist Party re-Funds for education still alizes that the Army is the account for a higher share of most important guard against government expenditure, at rebellion, and as such must be 35.09 hillion yuan, and agriculture receives 21.48 hillion yuan. Nevertheless, this is the first time in four years that the allocations to agriculture and

Neighbourhoods that might

become active in the election

campaign have also been sin-

Residents of Bahan One -

the Rangoon constituency

Daw Amg Sun Ky: Under

gled out for destruction.

gress, now in 16-day session, also accepted the resignation olicy.

of Mr Deng Xiaoping, the rate for industrial production.

Conservative economists senior leader, from the The austerity campaign innd politicians have criticized chairmanship of the State troduced in the autumn of Military Commission. This was no surprise, since he resigned as chairman of the far

> Mr Jiang Zemin, the party no military experience, and the economy. Mr Deng and President Yang

behind the military.

fered more than most. She has

from running in the election.

A West German par-liamentary delegation which visited Burma last month said

the relocation was being exe-

cuted in "a brutal way". Most

of those in Rangoon were sent

to settlements north of the city

where water, electricity and

other basic services were inad-

The Bonn MPs verified

reports that deaths and illness

and occurred among the new

settlers as a result of the harsh treatment. Malaria and other

diseases were rife, they said,

and many children were mal-

nourished because food sup-

plies did not reach their

Some people cannot afford

to huy food because the forced

desolate localities.

equate or non-existent.

y inflation". as "precarious", and listed.
The National People's Con-problems of a sluggish market, of enterprises stopping production, and a falling growth

1988 caused "financial procedures to become chaotic in some places". It added: "The ideas of hard work, thrift and economy and going through a period of austerity have not really become ingrained."

Mr Li Peng, the Prime over that post from Mr Deng, Minister, has already called is the only candidate for the for partial removal of the chairmanship of the state austerity measures, proposing body. He has admitted he has new injections of money into

A Western diplomat said are seen as the real powers the hudget seemed to be a collection of stop-gap mea-Yesterday's budget docu- sures which did not tackle the ment, presented hy Mr Wang underlying problems of Chisures which did not tackle the

money. They lost not only homes but also shops and

cultivate, but they pay for the

move and new dwellings

media have not reported these

offences. Officials describe the

Blocks of flats are going up in place of the old homes.

Local people say most of the new housing is allocated to

government officials, military

personnel and members of the

National Unity Party, the

successor to the Burmese Socialist Programme Party

There are also other induce

ments to join the party.Party

card carriers will not be tron-

bled if found in the streets

which ruled for 26 years.

The government-controlled

been under house arrest for workplaces. They get fire land eight months and banned which often is too arid to

themselves.

relocation as

Attack on Taiwan poll 'farce' From Catherine Sampson Peking

President Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan was re-elected yes-terday against the backdrop of a sit-in by students who have condemned the elections as a farce and hitter factional fighting within the ruling Nationalist Party.

Mr Lee, who was the only candidate, won on a vote in an electoral college which con-sists largely of octogenarians elected on the mainland 40 years ago who have not faced re-election since. It is this electoral procedure which has been the focus of harsh criticism from Taiwan's usually passive students.

Opposition and students alike have called for the scrapping of the elections and for a more democratic procedure. Some 3,000 students have been holding a six-day sit-in in the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Square.

Forty are on hunger strike and two are in hospital. They have called it "Taiwan's Tiananmen", but the authorities are aware that their condemnation of Peking's crackdown means that they have to treat the students with caution. The President was expected to meet student leaders yesterday to defuse the

The student movement has drawn widespread support. Students and teachers are holding rallies in sympathy throughout the island, and are sending food and money to the students in Taipei.

split the party for the first time by proposing two candidates

to run against him and his

deputy, Mr Li Yuan-zu.

Reuter reported from Tai-pei on Tuesday that riot police had built barbed-wire barricades around the building where the meeting took place. Despite Mr Lee's popularity, the old guard had tried to

Peres starts wooing religious parties

From Richard Owen, Jerusalem

about trying to form a new the US-backed plan for Israeli-Palestinian talks on elections in the occupied territories.

Security Peter Tshcehama.

Mr Peres's first act yesterday was to telephone Mr Shamir in see if he would join a further "national unity" coalition of the kind which collapsed over the peace issue last week. But Mr Shamir refused, and Labour sources said Mr Peres's overture had been a formality.

Senior Likud officials im-

left, Mr Shimon Peres, the Palestinian state in the West Labour leader, yesterday set Bank and Gaza, which would threaten the very existence of government which will accept Israel.

President Herzog, explaining why he had invited Mr Peres and not Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Likud leader and caretaker Prime Minister, to form a new administration, said that Labour and its allies formed the largest group in the Knesset (parliament).

mediately went on the offensive, claiming that a Labourled government would hring 27-month-old rebellion.

Amid jubilation on the Israeli about the "disaster" of a

Mr Moshe Katsav, the Minister of Transport, said Likud could no longer be a partner in

any Peres government. Mr Peres has three weeks in which to prove he can form a government, with a further

three weeks to try again if he fails. After that President Herzog can invite Mr Shamir to form an administration. Labour sources said that Mr Peres was actively courting the religious parties, including Agudat Israel, which has five seats, and which has reportedly been offered the ministries of labour and housing. TUNIS: Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, said yesterday the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories had

brought down the Israeli Gov-

ernment, and his Fatah move-

ment pledged to intensify the

Pills fail to dull Cairo cacophony

Rangoon said that at least which Daw Aung San Sau

From Christopher Walker, Cairo

world's greatest urban nightmare was provided yesterday in an official report revealing that the deafening noise-level is now held responsible for driving more than half its 12 million population to the regular use of sedatives and sleeping pills.

The incessant blare of horns from one million cars and the wail of loudspeakers from the thousands of mosques has forced 62 per cent of residents to resort to pills to get to sleep, the report said. The amplified Islamic call to prayer is broadcast five times a day, each mosque slightly out of time with the other.

shouting pitch against a caconhony of background noise emanating from car horns, antiquated buses and morning calls to the faithful found that

The survey, financed by the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Studies and conducted under the aegis of Professor Adel el-Marlawi of Cairo Uni-versity, found that as a direct result of the noise, 33 per cent of the population suffered from high blood pressure and productivity was 14 per cent below the national average.

The professor's team of investigators set up monitoring equipment for a week at eight key venues in the city - the largest in Africa - including the fume-clossed thoroughfare that leads to the pyramids at Giza. They, like most of the A straw poll, conducted at nation's ancient monuments, are facing severe problems

> The researchers, working shown during a recent two-etween 7am and 10pm, week crackdown organized by between 7am and 10pm,

Scientific backing for Cairo's the favoured antidote was discovered what most res- the police. During that period, unenviable claim as the Valinil, a local version of idents have long suspected, a total of 250,000 tickets were Egyptians as Umm el-Donya

times higher than internationally accepted health standards. Using a sample of residents aged between 20 and 50, the report isolated noise from Cairo's other main social ills as a cause of nervous disturbance and hypertension. It found that the city's hopelessly ineffectual traffic police

were among the main victims of the noise factor. The report pointed out that the traffic chaos arose mainly because neither drivers nor pedestrians bothered to pay any attention to regulations. The enormity of the prob-

lem facing the authorities was

but never had been able to handed out, including 33,000 prove, that noise levels in for cars left in no-parking parts of the city known to areas, 23,850 for crossing red Egyptians as Umm el-Donya lights, and more than 13,000 (mother of the world) are 10 for illegal use of the horn.

But as a short walk through the dusty streets showed yesterday, the campaign has had no noticeable effect. Pedestrians could be seen picking their way gingerly through pools of overflowing sewage because of closely parked vehicles they were unable to get on to the pavements.

The extent of the environmental problem which, as well as noise, involves air pollution and overcrowding of monumental proportions, was de-scribed by Dr Bahaadin Bakri, who founded the Egyptian Greens Party. "In Germany, they are talking about the quality of life. Here, we are concerned about survival."

attempted to appease Japanese anger yesterday over the emergence of a clear racist

tone in the final days of the Australian election campaign. Australian officials fear that Tokyo's perception of anti-Japanese sentiment may sound the death knell for joint construction of a high-tech "city of the future" in Australia, known as the "multifunction polis".

The row began after Mr Andrew Peacock, the leader of the opposition Liberal Party, said unexpectedly he opposed the futuristic research-anddevelopment city, in which Australians would get jobs only if they were prepared to carry out "menial tasks".

He said he did not like "enclaves" - a choice of words that seemed almost calculated to play on a widespread misconception that the

to Canberra's relief, Mr Peaervations about Mr Peacock,

during December.

Racism row taints Australian poll From Christopher Thomas, Brisbane The Canberra Government project amounts to the cock appeared determined who scored a paltry 18 per

> Mr Peacock added that foreign nationals would lead lives It was an élitist concept, with strongly support the project -10 golf courses and a private and also back the Liberals. bookmaker taking bets on the world's leading sporting events. Perhaps someone had overdosed on Plato's Republic "and wants a mob of philosopher kings living there".

Mr Peacock said: "I have racial issues.

Japanese and Australian officials were due to discuss the controversy at a regular meet-

construction of a Japanese city yesterday not to be drawn into cent rating in a recent opinion in Australia. Cent rating in a recent opinion poll. His campaign appears to him. His announcement, in this exclusive "enclave" which took most leaders of his that would be beyond the reach of ordinary Australians. ated business people who which took most leaders of his

> Mr Will Bailey, chief executive of the Australia & New Zealand Bank, said that the announcement was the result of short-term political considerations.

There was embarrassment not injected any note of and anger in Mr Peacock's racism into this election." He own party, too. Mr John accused Mr Boh Hawke, the Elliott, the Liberal Party presi-Prime Minister, of having a dent, has been one of the "grubhy, deceitful" record on staunchest advocates of the project and has argued forcefully for it to be sited outside Melbourne, Victoria.

The affair seems to have

issue, which has backfired on be in serious trouble, with every survey pointing to a fourth term for the Labor Party.

The Hawke Government says it will not make a final decision on the city project until it examines the findings of a joint feasibility study now. nearing completion.

Although Japanese officials and husiness leaders refused to comment publicly yesterday, there does appear to be a growing reluctance in Tokyo to go ahead with a project that arouses so much controversy.

Meanwhile, Mr Hawke received gloomy economic news yesterday, which he turned to his advantage by declaring that mortgage interest rates would soon fall. The Bureau of Statistics reported that eco-



illustrate the influence of the

Sistine Chapel on other artists.

There are also more than 40

16th-century prints showing the wide popular interest the Sistine Chapel project aroused

One detail in the section

displaying Michelangelo's techniques helps to confirm

that he was not the kind of

fumbler who needed to go back over his work making

corrections. The usual technique of the fresco artist was

to prepare a full-scale paper

sketch, or cartoon, for each part of a composition. The

paper would be perforated round the outline, and the

cartoon held up against the wall. It would be patted with a

bag of white powder to trans-

But according to Vatican art-historians, Michelangelo's confidence and dexterity were

such that he painted some of

the smaller sections, the lu-

nettes around the windows,

virtually free-hand.

fer the design to the wall.

in its own time.

Artistic Chernobyl in the Chapel?

Working alone five centuries own style. Later masters as ceiling of the Sistine Chapel with frescos which have been among the wonders of the the job.

made the Sistine Chapel the any images ever drawn. most controversial, as well as the most ambitious, of all modern projects to restore fragile masterpieces.

The transformation is drasnic, as thousands of visitors who have passed through the chapel in the past 10 years

have partially seen. The question that will be faced next week by a symposium of art historians, meeting in Rome to see the completed results for themselves, will be whether Michelangelo's work has been triumphantly revealed as he meant it to be, or irretrievably ruined.

The intensity of the controversy has fully measured up to the celebrated terribilita that Michelangelo's work aspires to Professor James Beck, of Columbia University io the United States, has described the cleaning as "an artistic Chernobyl".

Professor Beck went to Rome in 1988 and after seeing the restoration of the vault and its lateral lunettes, by then almost completed, he repeatedly appealed to the Pope to stop the restoration.

At least, he begged, work should be cancelled or postponed indefinitely oo the Last Judgement, the almost equally immense masterpiece of Michelangelo's old age, which covers the end wall of the chapel behind the High Altar. The restorers intend to get to work on the Last Judgement as soon as judgement has been passed on their efforts on the

Some Italian scholars, including the leading Florentine art historian, Dr Allesandro Conti, echoed his protests, though in less apocalyptic terms. But the Pope stood hy the Vatican's own art historian, Professor Fabrizio Mancinelli, and by the head of the team of restorers, Signor Gianluigi Colalucci.

Observers say that the dusky saiots and prophets painted oo the cracking plaster have emerged almost un-recognizable - "dressed in chirpy Benneton colours", with half their majesty and mystery stripped away.

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could scarcely be higher. The frescos of the Sistine Chapel have some claims to be considered the most iofluential single work of art in the history of painting since the Renaissance. They are the definitive example of the monumental and idealized style which pointed the devclopment of European painting to mannerism and the

Even contemporaries as gifted and temperamentally unlike Michelangelo as Ra-phael recognized the force of his heroic conception of the human body, and absorbed

ago, Michelangelo Buonarroti diverse as William Blake and took four years to cover the Henry Moore were deeply marked by his influence. But the significance of the

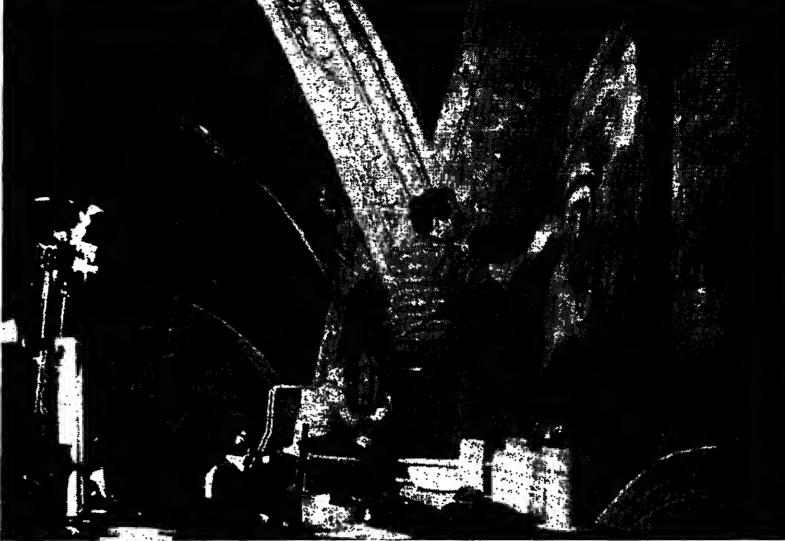
frescos is much more than an world ever since. A team of academic matter of art hisnine restorers have just fin- tory. The host of figures ished refurbishing his work, swarming in and around the and have taken 10 years over architectural details of the architectural details of the ceiling include many which But it is not questions of have entered the common labour productivity that have imagination as profoundly as

Most obviously, they in-clude the image of the creation of Adam, where God's finger commandingly touches the languid figure of the awakening nude, and sends life flow-ing into his limbs like an electric current. But they include many other scenes from Genesis and the prophetic books, and also individual figures - pensive cherubs and Sibyls who have strayed puzzlingly into the Bible out of the Classics - which possess an enigmatic and unforgettable majesty.

The Sistine Chapel. project of revolutionary boldness, is the work not of one Michelangelo but two, for his mood changed and darkened between 1512, when he painted the ceiling, and 1541, when he completed the Last Judgement.

So a restorer who ruined the Sistine frescos would have done damage on a historic scale. If the verdict goes against him, Signor Colalucci has guaranteeed himself an immortality comparable with that of the unfortunate Daniele da Volterra, "il braghettone" ("the knickersmaker"), who was commissioned by the prudish Pope Paul IV to paint draperies over the nudes of the Last Judgement a few years after Michelangelo finished work.

For technical reasons, the changes are irrevocable, whother for better or worse. The point in dispute is whether the . while the plaster is still wet. layers the restorers have The wet plaster absorbs the stripped away are darkening colour, and then dries to form question is whether Michelan- before. He complained in his



Glare of publicity: Members of the Italian restoration team working on the celebrated Michelangelo frescos under the lights of a Japanese television crew. dles, and the efforts of unskilled earlier restorers, or whether they include finishing touches that were made by. Michelangelo himself.

In the fresco technique, the surface to be decorated is given a layer of fresh plaster, and the colour is then applied

accretions left by the soot of a layer of colour surface which gelo himself applied the size, journals and in a poem written small army of Japanese five centuries of votive can- is bonded to the wall. It is a technique demanding the highest skill in working rapidly before the plaster dries, without making mistakes.

In the Sistine Chapel, the layer of plaster has for centuries been covered by a coat of glue-size. This has given a varnish-like gloss to the matt surface of the plaster, but over time it has darkened. The much work in the medium

to cast a mysterious dimness across the scene, and to allow ceiling that he "is not in the himself to add the kind of af- right place, nor is he a terthoughts and corrections that an oil painter customarily puts in, but are denied to the painter who works in fresco.

There is some doubt about how far Michelangelo was skilled in the technique. He does oot appear to have done

The unfamiliar task was herculean, physically as well as intellectually. Cootrary to popular belief and to the Charlton Heston interpretation, he did oot work on his back hut, perhaps even more uncomfortably, standing up with his head thrown back. He worked alone, year after year, refusing to use assistance sent

from Florence despite Papal pressure to finish the job Critics of the restoration have difficulty in coming to terms with a Sistine Chapel which is brilliant and lumioous, almost metallic in the intensity of its colours.

while he was working on the

A new Michelangelo very different from the dark and sombre images we had become used to has emerged from the murk.

The supporters of the restoration claim that Michelangelo only very rarely added that in these isolated cases it has not been touched. Even their opponents have to concede that many shrouded images which could oot be made out before, such as Noah's Ark, now stand out clearly. But rightly or wrongly, the details they have removed have gone for ever.

A degree of national amour propre may be involved in some of the protests from the Italian side. The project was controversial before the first restorer ever laid a brush oo the ceiling. The team of restorers are Italian, but they have worked throughout under the watchful eyes of a

photographers and film crew.

pride was painfully wounded

that the restoration of "La

Sistina" was to be financed by

Nippon Television Network

Corporation, which in exchange for \$3 million, by

today's standards a relatively

paltry sum, obtained exclu-

sive photographic, film and television rights to the restora-tion up until 1995. The injury to national pride, however,

was sooo forgotten when the Vatican let it be understood

that the Japanese corpora-tion's offer had simply oot

been matched by any Italian

corporation, private or public.

criticized project, the Vatican

authorities have arranged a

big exhibition, to be opened

by the Pope oo Saturday. It will tell the story of how Pope

Julius II prevailed oo the reluctant Michelangelo to

chapel, and how it influenced

There will also be a large

section dedicated to the meth-

ods and techniques of the

restoration project. The exhib-

its include a letter from Julius

II to Michelangelo in which

the decorations of the chapel are commissioned and a de-

tailed list of the costs in-

volved. The British Museum,

the Ashmolean Museum and

the Uffizi Gallery in Florence,

among others, have lent the

Paintings and drawings by

Caravaggio, Raphael, Anni-bale Carracci and Rubens

Vatican a series of preparatory

drawings for the chapel.

later generations of painters.

To vindicate their much-

when the Vatican announced

In 1980, Italy's national

An even more significant detail is a discovery made a couple of years ago, during the restoration. A patch of painted plaster was found which had been covered up in a repair of the vault of the chapel. This repair can be reliably dated to 1568, several years after Michelangelo's death.

Underneath the repair work, Michelangelo's paint layer could be seen without an trace of the notorious layer of

"I am quite sure the gluesize was not applied by Michelangelo," says Sharon Cather, an art historian at the Courtanld Institute, who has visited the Sistine Chapel several times to study the work in progress. "It is inconceivable that be would have gooe to all that trouble only to cover it all up with a layer of glue."

Experts in restoration point out that the Michelangelo controversy is not unique. A similar furore breaks out almost every time a much-loved painting is cleaned.

"It seems to surface fairly regularly, because its such an emotive issue," says Peter Young, a specialist in painting conservation at the Victoria & Albert Museum.

The consensus of expert opinion seems to be moving towards the view that the Sistine Chapel has been reoewed, oot ruined. Once they have got their breath back, Signor Colalucci and his colleagues will probably be allowed to come to grips with complete the half-finished the far more baleful expanse of scheme of frescos in the the Last Judgement, which old age when he was in deep fear of the judgement he would have to face shortly.

One more controversy faces the restorers as they move on to the end wall. Should they sweep away the lingerie painted on by da Volterra 450 years ago? It flouts Michelangelo's concept, but after so long, it is are an integral aspect of the history of the counter-Reformation. At an earlier stage, it was announced that modesty was to prevail, but the latest news is that no final decision has been taken. The battle over the knickers is one that could keep the Vatican in have been borrowed from turmoil for years to come.





much of his spirit into their Face values: Controversy has surrounded the transformation of murky detail into an almost metallic intensity of colour.





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correct order, but one word reads from left to right, the other reads from right to left. What are the two words? HEOCRNNABRALEENLDEC

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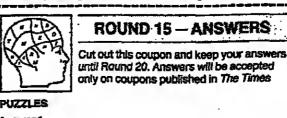
runs out?

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NIGEL WILLIAMSON

A t last someone has had the guts to own up. With Kenneth Baker and other ministers back-pedalling to avoid being blamed for the poll tax, the right-wing think-tank, the Adam Smith Institute, has stuck its hand in the air and admirted minded desired was it was us. Institute, has stuck its hand in the air and admitted — indeed claimed — yes, it was us. It has just published The First Hundred, a checklist of its "innovative ideas" which have "made their way into public policy". And there, nestling at number 10 among the ASI's greatest hits, is the community charge, first urged on the Government in 1983 and again in 1985. The ASI even recommended using Scotland as a guinea-pig. Moreover, it takes great satisfaction in seeing so many of its ideas "having so tangible a result" — which, I suppose, is one way of describing the Government's trailing in the opinion which, I suppose, is one way of describing the Government's trailing in the opinion polls by 20 per cent. The ASI document is subtitled "Ideas have consequences". As one government backbencher ruefully remarked yesterday, one of them might be mass Tory unemployment after the next

n the same subject, Militant-supporting Labour MP Dave Nellist has invited a variety of poll tax refuseniks from the pop world to the House of Commons next Monday to encourage everyone else to "funk" the tax. Those adding their musical voices to the call for "mass non-payment" include Neneh Cherry, Jimmy Somerville, the Proclaimers and Beat International, who, I am told and Beat International, who, I am told, currently top the charts. No doubt we shall hear squeals of outrage from the Tories about "corrupting the youth of our nation", although I suspect that record companies will quietly settle poll tax demands on behalf of their errant stars, while most of their fans are too young to pay anyway.

A s the rest of the globe casts off socialism, Kenneth Baker remarked the other day, the eyes of the world are upon Mid-Staffordshire to see if Britain is about to re-embrace it. He has a point. Media representatives from the United States, Switzerland, Germany, Ireland, Spain, France and Sweden are among those who have been tramping the streets of Lichfield these past few days. Apart from making one realize how insular Britain is (can you imagine the British press covering a by-election in Switzerland?), this inter-national interest also produced an unforgettable incident on the stump with Charles Prior, the Tory candidate. His minder, the irascible Gerald Howarth, MP for neighbouring Cannock, imperiously instructed a woman in their party to knock on a door and produce the occupants to meet the candidate. The instruction was duly complied with, but the woman returned some seconds later, embarrassed, to say there was no one in . "Well don't just stand there. Go and knock on the next ruddy door," barked Howarth. It was only then that the woman revealed that she was, in fact, a reporter from Belgian TV.



tity fears that John Major's first Budget this week was insufficiently tough produced intense irritation in Downing Street yesterday. So much so that Bernard Ingham, the Prime Minister's press secretary, suggested that perhaps City activity should in future be taxed at 60 per cent. "Let's see if that is strong enough for them," he was heard to tell his boss. Whether or not the Budget pleased the

City, it should certainly have gone down well on the football terraces. When the Chancellor takes his seat at Wembley this Sunday to watch Chelsea play Middles-brough in the Zenith Data Systems cup final, his £100 million windfall for soccer clubs to improve their grounds should ensure him the sort of reception previously reserved for Geoff Hurst after he scored England's winning goal in the 1966 World Cup final. Major, who as a boy used in walk from Brixton to watch Chelsea play at Stamford Bridge, hopes that at a stroke he has undone the unpopularity the Govern-ment suffered among football fans over its ill-fated identity card scheme. He and Home Office minister David Mellor, another lifelong Chelsea fan, are planning a pilgrimage to Anfield later this season to see, appropriately enough, the Blues take on the Reds. during which real living stan-

I felt a shade uneasy visiting Sun

City because of my union; a few

years ago Equity advised mem-

bers not to go there. Bophutha-

tswana, it argued, was not an

independent country. It was

t was good yesterday to read Tim Congdon hewing to the line and cleaving to the faith pioneered nn this page more than 20 years ago. He is un-questionably right that, barring the most amazing luck, the Chancellor - for all his personal decency and sincerity — has not convincingly addressed infla-tion, which he himself correctly identifies as the British econo-

my's most pressing problem. The markets yesterday delivered the inevitable verdict; and, while Mr Major is perfectly entitled to appeal to the jury of "the medium term", it will be something of a miracle if that court strikes down the decision of the court of first instance. The sad fact is that any chancellor who has the slightest tendency to give anything the benefit of the doubt, let alone trust to luck, faces an insupportable probabil-

ity of coming unstuck. But there was and is a deeper significance in the Budget which Tirn Congdon, quite properly, did not address. It is this: what would be the state of the economy - and with what longterm significance for policy - if Mr Major had effectively addressed the problem of inflation, whether by monetary, fiscal, exchange rate or, indeed, superPeter Jay on the problem that defies every chancellor

Growth: the elusive target

Tennyson acknowledged that there is more faith in an bonest doubt than in all the creeds. Likewise, there is more truth in an bonest slip by a chancellor of the exchequer than in all the screeds of official propaganda. One sentence in the Budget faithfully reflected in table 2.1 of the simultaneous Financial Statement and Budget Report 1990-91, was more eloquent than Whitehall's entire

statistical and verbal output of the past decade. "But growth should return", said Mr Major in the Budget, "in 1991 towards its sustainable rate of around two and three-quarters per cent." The Chancellor was not to

know, but this is what the entire argument of the past decade has been about have the economic policies of the past II years improved - or will they improve the performance of the British economy as measured by the only possible "bottom line", the rate of growth of ontput mea-

between comparable points in successive economic cycles? Believers, of all political persussions, have thought they would; sceptics, of equally widely distributed persuasions, It had been a matter of have doubted it. John Major has not merely endorsed the sceptics, but has positively awarded them game, set and match, for

years preceding the decade in question was, to the nearest 1/4 per cent, 2% per cent. Less clinically, this 2% per cent was known as "the British disease", "low growth", "stopgo" and the economy in search of a miracle. It has been a very important part of the justification of such privatizations and transformations as British society has undergone over the past Il years that the entrepreneurial culture, tax incentives, denationalization, unemployment in the

low millions, trade union legisla-

tion, "yuppiedom", the con-

the annual average long-term

sustainable growth rate of the

British economy over the 30-odd

and restoration of Victorian values would jointly and severally improve this economic performance.

argument between believers, for example my friend Norman Tebbit, with whom I debated this matter on London Weekend Television about a year ago, and sceptics, eg myself, whether or not the fact that no such improvement was visible in the "bottom line" GDP growth fig-ures for the period 1979-89 justified doubt that the medicine, however liberally pre-scribed, had benefited the patient. Believers fell back on the claim that, even if there had not yet actually been any visible improvement, for example in the actual annual average GDP growth rate from cyclical peak to peak between 1979 and 1989, the missing evidence of the miracle was still in the pipeline and would surface in the 1990s.

That was logically tenable,

Chancellor himself has let the cat out of the bag just when we expected the rabbit out of the hat. The long-term underlying sustainable rate of growth of the economy, up to which Mr Major hopes to return by 1992-93, after more than a dozen years averaging about 2 per cent is - just

what it always was. Serious economics must be preoccupied with the question wby Britain did so badly in the first 30 years after the war, why it did specially badly in the next dozen years and wby, according to the present Chancellor, it is not likely to do any better from 1992 onwards.

If there is a sovereign remedy or even a useful prescription, we seem in Britain to be as far away from finding it as we ever were through all the twists and turns of macroeconomic wisdom -"Butskellism" through from Macmillan's "savings Budget", Thorneycroft's orthodoxy, Heathcoat Amory's Major-like

expansionism, Selwyn Lloyd? "guiding light", Maudling's indicative planning George Brown's mayhem, Roy Jenkins' balanced budgets. Tony Barber's monetary explosion, Denis Healey's monetarism (disguised as pay policy). Geoffrey Howe's slump and Nigel Lawson's return to discretionary Keynes-ionical (dismised as a medium). ianism (disguised as a medium-term financial strategy without controlling monetary aggre-

We ought to devote the same, perhaps greater, energy and tal-ent to explaining this real failure that we have devoted for so long - and rightly - to understanding how to control inflation, even if the only use of that latter discovery is not to control inflation but to draw attention to the errors and omissions of chancellors who fail to control it. And, when we have cracked that mystery, we might start asking why, when we get back in 1992-3 to John Major's sustainable growth rate, it will be with unemployment in the low millions - actually and prospectively, as was once written on this page, "for the rest of the decade", indeed for the rest of the millennium and indefinitely thereafter.

The author is Economics Editor

Bernard Levin samples the poison pens of the literati—and suggests a new outlet

Men of outraged letters

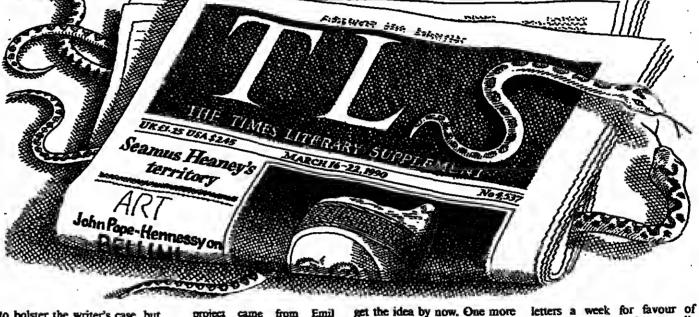
plement is an amazing journal. It is capable of allotting 3,000 words to a review of a book about 11thcentury smoke-detectors, written in a remote dialect of Nepalese, printed in an edition of 75 copies and obtainable only in Ulan Bator, invariably, the editor knows the only other man in the world who can deal with it. On the other hand, its high standards, its careful balance and its astonishing range make it indispensable for anyone interested in writing or thought.
It may well bold the record for

the smallest number of editors of any such journal - only seven. including the present one, in its 88 years. That continuity must be the clue to its lasting quality. It is difficult to believe that until the mid-Seventies, all of its reviews were unsigned, which gave countless opportunities, gleefully taken, for Professor Hypotenuse to rubbish in safety and colleague Professor Katzenjammer. H.G. Wells (presumably after getting a bad review) waxed wrathful at "the anonymous greasers of the Times Lit Supp", and I am not revealing hitherto unknown secrets when I say that John Gross, approached to succeed Arthur Crook in 1974, agreed to do so only if the anonymity rule was abolished.

I confess, however, that the page I turn to first is that with the letters on it. I rather think that the space allotted to the paper's

recent years; perhaps I might here make an appeal to the present editor (Jeremy Treglown) not only to restore its former acreage but to increase it substantially. For the one thing that the TLS lacks, and as long as I have been reading it always has lacked, is fun. Perhaps the analysis of important subjects does not easily lend itself to merriment; your average 71/2lh monograph on the dating of Duccio's Madonna with Three Franciscan Monks could hardly be a giggle a minnte. But that is all the more reason to promote the Letters page, for the fun that is to be had there — quite unintentional, of course, would lighten the spirits even of a reader determined to get through the entire review of the Nepalese smoke-detector study

without skipping. The letters range widely, of course; but the heart of the page, which provides the fun, consists wbose books have been reviewed less enthusiastically than the author thinks fitting. But that is only the top layer, there are two more. Some of the very best laughs are generated by anthors who are not only cross, but who have written books which are entirely incomprehensible to any reader, however learned, not excluding the other man who knows about the Nepalese smoke-detectors. And the third layer is the introduction into the affronted replies of names cited



to bolster the writer's case, but whom nobody at all has ever heard of Listen to this, in the temper category, from Professor Pangle of Toronto University:

The discussion of Leo Strauss occasioned by my book The Rebirth of Classical Political Rebirth of Classical Political Rationalism: An introduction to the thought of Leo Strauss [an unwritten rule says that the titles of the disputed books must be longer than the books themselves] is a farrage of unasually brazen misrepresentations. Of the quotations purportedly from Strauss's writings in the review, almost all are if words and phreses or all are nf words and phrases or sentences wrenched from context in such a way as to destroy the authentic original mean-ing, and to substitute in its place a specious and sinister-sounding fabrication.

That's telling 'em then, eh, Pangle? But much juicier is Professor Finson of the Univer-

sity of North Carolina: Eric Sams's review of my book Robert Schumann and the Study of Orchestral Com-position: The generis of the First Symphony, Op 38, con-tains several misleading state-ments which cannot pass uncorrected. The most unfortunate concerns the produc-Schumann's Das Paradies und die Peri. Wasielewski ... tells us that the impetus for the

project came from Emil Flechsig's translation of a section from Thomas Moore's Lalla Rookh... Wasielewski also mentions that the composer may have had help from Theodor Oelkers in this transformation.

But here comes M Michael Issacharoff, taking issue with Keith Gore's revue of his Discourse as Performance. After praying in aid Benveniste, Genetic and Todorov, be gets down to it:

It is hard to believe that in 1989 a reviewer could still imagine that semiotics is merely a matter of "reducing one form of discourse to another, to tell us what we already know in the language of the semiotician". I do not make any claim to being a hand, any competent reader would recognise that the thinking in my last five books [another rule is that authors complaining about their TLS reviews insist that readers must be intimately familiar with their entire oexwej has been informed by concepts derived from lingui ntics, philosophy of language, literary theory, the theory of reference and speech-act

theory. I could go on for a while yet -

get the idea by now. One more prize pippin, however, must be tended; it comes from Professor B.F. Skinner, no less, and demonstrates all three of the elements which we conpoissenrs seek on our happy hunting ground: name-sprinkling ("Sper-ber . . . Levelt . . . Chomsky"), displeasure ("His contribution to an understanding of verbal behaviour was as negligible then as it is now"), and above all incomprehensibility:

Behaviour is selected by its consequences. Listeners mediate the consequences of verbal behaviour and the ways in which they do so account for the types of verbal behaviour discussed in my book. Cognitive psychologists acverage directly of variation and speak directly of variation and selection. The process seems to give behaviour an orienta-tion towards the future, and they deal with that as intention, but like purpose in patural selection intention is simply wrong. Behaviour is explained not by the con-sequences that lie ahead, but by those that have followed in

any years ago, when I was working on a small magazine, one of its more assiduhave been collecting these one correspondents, who items for some time - but you thought nothing of sending three

verse as bee-keeping, the Gold Standard and the innocence (or possibly the guilt) of Richard III, came up with a wheeze which even for him was extravagantly unusual. Why, he asked, doesn't somebody found a magazine consisting entirely of readers letters? I laughed; but I could not get the idea out of my head, and the more I thought about it, the less able I was to see the fallacy, though I was certain that there must be one. For the life of me, though, I still cannot see it. Every newspaper and magazine gets scores or even hundreds of readers' letters a day, of which it can print only a tiny proportion. Add up those writers, and they come to thousands - ter of thousands, I should think, Interminable arguments would fill the columns, new recruits would rush to write, and of course would have to buy the magazine to see their words immortalized.

publication, on subjects as di-

The more I think about it, the more I am convinced that my correspondent had an idea as momentous as Newton under the apple tree. It is still not too late, and I have the perfect title: The Times Literary Supplement

Hawke set to pluck a stumbling Peacock Christopher Thomas sees Australians sticking to the devil they know

f Australians were not obliged by law to vote, many would undoubtedly boycott the general election on Saturday. They have lost faith in the governing Labor Party, which looks tired, and do not trust the opposition Liberals, who look inept. A growing "undecided" vote is seeking a new home, giving fringe groups an unprece-

dented apportunity.

The "plague on both their houses" sentiment has dulled even the charismatic prime minister, Bob Hawke. He has campaigned with dour gravity, warning that the road ahead will be hard. Home owners groan audibly as they battle to pay 17 per cent interest on their mortgages, while wages are re-strained under a prices and incomes pact between unions and government.

By any normal political cri-teria, Mr Hawke should be on the defensive - if not on the way out - after seven years in power

dards have fallen and at a time when Australia seems poised to enter a recession. Instead he tears into the Liberal/National Party coalition as though it were to blame, knocking its economic policies with devastating effect. Labor's lead in every opinion poll is testimony to Mr Hawke's personal popularity and the widespread perception of An-drew Peacock, the Liberal leader, as a political lightweight. If the Liberals lose, Mr Peacock will

certainly be replaced.

Mr Hawke is a colourful, allman Aussie. Although teetotal for years, be once held a documented record for beer consumption. A nationally televised confession of adultery did him no political harm. He is utterly convincing on television. By contrast, Mr Peacock is a ham actor, arms flying and fists banging on the table. He has frequently fluffed the answers to

than once to issue corrections.

If Australia's II million voters do grudgingly give Labor an unprecedented fourth term, it will be more by default than by desire. The outcome certainly rests with those still declaring themselves undecided. Letters to the newspapers frequently express a wish not to vote at all, because neither of the main choices bolds any appeal. Refusing to vote without valid reason however, entails a fine of A\$50 (£25). Labor in particular sup-ports compulsory voting, be-cause it forces apathetic bluecollar vnters to turn out. Others believe the system mocks the

embarrassingly forced him more

democracy it purports to uphold. With opinion polls predicting a close race, attention is focused on the mainly middle-class Democrats, who advocate state controls, public ownership, government bousing and tariffs nn economic questions, which have imported huxury goods. Their environmental concerns.

leader, former senator Janine Haines - unaffected and with particular appeal to young people — says candidly that her aim is to seize the balance of power, just as her party's seven members sometimes hold the power balance in the Senate.

Nobody doubts that the Democrats will fare well this time. In many ways they represent the policies Gough Whitlam offered Australia in 1972, before Labor began its steady shuffle to the right and became, to many eyes, almost indistinguishable from the Liberals.

Then there are the Greens. At present they are diverse and divided, a hodge-podge of locally-based groups whose politics range from moderate to Marxist. If only they could unite, they would be a potent force, a channel for the public alarm over beach pollution, erosion of the outback and many other

Big groups such as the Wilderness Society and the Australian Conservation Foundation insist they are politically independent, but in practice Labor benefits most from their endorsements

under the proportional repre-The campaign is notable for what is not being discussed. The Aborigine question, for example, is not raised, and until the last few days, Japanese investment seemed taboo. Both are volatile issues beneath the surface. There is certainly widespread white resentment towards the Aborigines, most of whom are either unemployed and on the dole or working in government departments administering the huge range of aboriginal assistance schemes. The Liberals say they would cut these schemes, although they have not made it an election issue.

Japanese purchases of Australian real estate provoke frequent protests. A Tokyo-Canberra feasibility study into building a Japanese-conceived futuristic city in Victoria has led to angry talk of a Japanese "enclave" Australia.

In a surprise announcement this week, Mr Peacock said that if elected he would ahandon the project - a statement that seems somewhat premature, since the result of the feasibility study has yet to be announced. He was immediately denounced by opponents for introducing a "racist" note into the last stages of the campaign in a desperate attempt to win votes.

A television camera caught Mr Peacock calling a journalist a "bastard" for making this very point in a front-page com-mentary. The outburst was broadcast as a main item on the night's national news, which did nothing to enhance the abysmally low ratings of a man who has laboured so long under the electorate's suspicion that he lacks substance. The Peacocic, says a popular jibe, is all feathers and no meat

Mandela in pride of place carriageways of his bailiwick).

manipulated by an administra-What is wrong with Sun City is tion whose politics it deplored. its monumental incompetence. and a committee recommended The bundreds of people who that performers invited to appear work there look as if they hate it. there should decline. The security men who are every-I did not go to perform. I went where know nothing and consider questions like "Where is the as a customer to have dinner and play No. 24 at the roulette table. But Equity's recommendation swimming pool?" suspicious. The barmen have not heard of has very considerable merit. Do malt whisky, the cashiers seem programmed only to give out not go to Sun City. Forget about quasi-independence (also forgive chips, not cash them in, so that the excesses of the police officer winners lose heart trying to realize their fortunes and shove in the village of Phockeng - one is tempted to say Phockeng the coins back into the machines policeman - who appears to be - which are 15 per cent greedier trying to achieve personal inthan their cousins in Atlantic City dependence by fining motorists and Las Vegas. who exceed 40 mph on the wide Dinner at the Peninsula Res-

taurant should be especially high on a trade union's blacklist: five attempts to obtain a hot toddy for my sore throat met with failure. The menu lists New Brunswick Smoked Salmon. It arrived grey and over-onioned, having made possibly the longest, most pointless journey ever undertaken by mediocre food. Dishes are cooked in the kitchens and then burnt on plates under fierce flames in the restaurant; a "complimentary" sorbet melts in a glass that is five times too large for it. If the soun had been as hot as the champagne, the champagne as old as the chicken . . . never mind. I ordered a double brandy and

they brought a glass containing



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about one and a half. I asked for a measure. Now any restaurant manager who knows his job would have refused, for one loses much face in being proved wrong. A measure was brought. I was right. No one apologized. I hope Equity bears this information in mind when it reviews the ban, but it might reconsider Johannesburg. Not great, you understand, but nice, and value for money.

I went to the Kapitan Indian restaurant on the first floor of an unpromising, decrepit building in the downtown market area. The stairs are wondrously ramshackle; rumour has it that the street has not long before the buildozers move in. The Transvaal heritage lobby lacks clout, and in ruth there is not much reason for preservation except that this is where Nelson Mandela used to have lunch when he

worked nearby as a lawyer.

There are about 20 tables and, as is customary in establishments that were once frequented by the great, every customer yesterday sat at "the table where Nelson used to sit when he lunched here". The floor is lino-tiled in

red and black and white; the walls are covered with banners and posters, small flags and ribbons and photographs. There is a placard of some long-forgotten bull-fight, with the names of real matadors, not that of an extrovert grockle slipped between known

The tablecloths are patterned red and yellow, a waitress brings plates of somosa and slices of not very hot deep-fried aubergine, to

deter one from expecting too much. But the place has heart and real warmth and a genuine spread of customers - black and white and coloured, well dressed and casual, young and old, local and tourist - and Mrs Kapitan, who owns the place, is a charismatic old bird, wonderfully versed in defusing difficult customers. A three-course lunch for four with

10 cans of cold local beer cost £30. Pride of place on the wall goes to a framed letter sent in September of last year by the most famous client. It was written from prison in response to the news that developers have their eye on this part of downtown Jo'burg. "Over the last 28 years", he writes in a fine hand, "we have lost so many dear friends and favourite places." He goes on to hope that sanity will prevail and good food will continue to be available.

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THE BIRMINGHAM SIX

The release last year of the so-called Guildford Four inevitably drew attention to the six men convicted of the 1974 Birmingham bombings who are still serving life sentences. This attention has now led the Home Secretary, Mr David Waddington, to announce that new matters have come to his attention which justify further police inquiries.

The Birmingham convictions were vigorously challenged at the time and afterwards, and equally vigorously upheld by the Court of Appeal in 1988. Recent police inquiries into the conduct of the West Midlands serious crimes squad (some of whose officers were involved in the Birmingham cases) have now clearly undermined public confidence in those convictions. The Guildford affair showed how dangerously fallible a jury trial can be if the police have behaved with less than scrupulous integrity. This is particularly so when prosecution evidence relies heavily on alleged confessions made to the police, as in both the Guildford and the Birmingham cases.

Cold-blooded murderers of innocent people. in whatever cause, will surround their work with a veil of lies. In this case, the IRA has a special interest in casting doubt on the purity of English justice. The killing of 21 people by bombs planted in public houses in Birmingham in 1974 was, before Lockerbie, the worst such murderous attack in Britain since the war. Not only was a jury convinced of the guilt of the six, but the Court of Appeal expressed itself utterly confident that, even in the light of subsequent evidence, the jury had reached the right decision.

These are all good reasons for the Home Secretary to proceed cautiously. If he is satisfied that the new material put before him by the defence goes to the issue of guilt, the normal course for him to follow would be to refer the case back to the Court of Appeal. But this presents afresh an important issue raised by Lord Scarman and Lord Devlin in connection with the Guildford Four, which has since dropped out of sight largely because those cases were resolved without it having to be

Those two illustrious legal figures com-

plained with great force, in an article in The Times in November 1988, that one of the barriers to justice for the Guildford Four had been the Court of Appeal's insistence on substituting itself for a Jury, contrary to the intentions of the Criminal Appeal Act of 1968. A perverse legal doctrine had developed, they argued, that it was proper for appeal judges to ask themselves whether they believed in any new evidence, rather than ask themselves the question which Parliament intended in the Act: whether the new evidence ought to be looked at again by a new jury, together with all the original evidence.

This was a fundamental breach of the principle in common law that the judgement of fact in criminal proceedings on indictment must be by jury. Lord Scarman and Lord Devlin went back to 1670 to recall that Chief Justice Vaughan had mocked how "every man sees that the jury is but a troublesome delay, a great charge, and of no use in determining right and wrong, and therefore the tryals by them may be better abolish'd than continued." It was, Vaughan added sarcastically, "a strange new-found conclusion."

Full retrials before a jury after a long period are best avoided, but in some circumstances justice demands them. The Court of Appeal appears to think it never does, on the grounds that judges - despite Chief Justice Vaughan's warning - can make all the decisions needed. But the final outcome of this court's handling of the Guildford Four did not add to public confidence in its procedures or its fairmindedness. Quite simply, the court appears to have gone wrong from a reluctance to expose the opinions of judges to the test of a jury trial.

The Home Secretary would be right, in consultation with the Lord Chancellor, to look again at the arrangements for criminal appeals in general, and to do so with the Scarman-Devlin objections in mind. Pending such a reform, if there are good reasons for the Home Secretary to doubt whether a jury would still have convicted the Birmingham Six, he should even consider, as an alternative to yet another referral to the Court of Appeal, the exercise of the royal prerogative.

SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE

Classical colonialism ended in Africa this week. Namibia's independence was greeted by an impressive, if incongruous, assembly of foreign dignitaries, tribal dancers and drum majorettes parading joyfully through the dusty streets of Windhoek.

The world's newest nation has much to celebrate. Its Government has been freely elected and will be subject to constitutional safeguards rare in Africa, including a two-term limit on the presidency and a strong bill of rights. Long may they survive the continent's reputation as a graveyard of such good intentions. Peace in Namibia also holds the prospect of an end to the civil war in its northern neighbour, Angola, from which, under the 1988 Namibia settlement, Cuba's 50,000 troops must now withdraw.

The claim by the UN Secretary-General that this event is a "triumph for the rule of law" none the less strains credulity. Nor, as has often been asserted, is it a triumph for the United Nations and its famous 1978 Resolution 435. Namibia is the child of realpolitik, and is probably the more secure for that: an example of what closed-circuit negotiations, backed by military pressure and discreet cooperation between the two super-powers, can achieve when the spirit is willing.

The eight-year involvement of Mr Chester Crocker, President Reagan's assistant secretary for Africa, to whom negotiating credit for the settlement should go, was expressly aimed at "linking" independence with Cuban troop withdrawal from Angola. This linkage was regularly denounced in the UN General Assembly and by African states and was achieved only when the Soviet Union decided firmly to commit itself, through its Cuban surrogates, to stemming the advance of South Africa's Unita surrogates in Angola. South Africa saw the writing on the wall and

promptly sued for peace. The new country will now lose not only direct South African budget subsidies but also the purchasing power of South African troops and the UN peace-keeping force. First among

its formidable tasks is to find jobs for the three out of five of its small population of 1.5 million who are formally unemployed. The outlook is not hopeless. The land itself, one and a half times the size of Texas, is potentially rich. Thanks to its South African masters, Namibia has a good infrastructure and more graduates than most African countries had at independence. It also has wonderful tourist potential. It is the fourth largest minerals producer in Africa, with large reserves of uranium, diamonds and base metals.

The most pressing need is thus for new investment, stern capitalist discipline and a moderation in the archaic Marxist ramblings of its new president, Mr Sam Nujoma. The last thing his country needs is the promise of "significant" state ownership in a mixed economy or any pressure for the automatic transfer of well-run white-held land to black ownership. The days of the old political religion are surely over in southern Africa.

Namibia will remain what it has long been, a relatively minor economic offshoot of South Africa, akin to Botswana or Swaziland. Nothing much is likely to happen in Windhoek without Pretoria's hand somewhere in the background. For the time being, this is probably no bad thing for Namibia's prosperity and stability. South Africa has been relatively scrupulous, both in honouring its commitments under Resolution 435 and in conducting an orderly withdrawal. This has been partly in the knowledge that withdrawal is political but hardly economic.

Namibia today is an excellent example of a minor country that demands the sympathetic neglect of the rest of the world. It does not want the inflation that massive aid would bring. It does not want lecturing or posturing or patronizing. Its future lies in maintaining good relations with its neighbours, particularly South Africa, in that rare phenomenon on the continent, a relatively prosperous region. New nations live in peace most successfully when left in peace.

GIVE AND TAKE

"The voluntary spirit of personal giving, of personal generosity, is part of the British character." Thus the Prime Minister two years ago. The voluntary spirit is apparently not enough, however, to survive unaided by the taxpayer. hence the encouragement in Mr Major's inaugural Budget this week and the resulting warm response from charities and the arts.

Under his new Gift Aid scheme, charities and arts bodies may "reclaim" income tax paid by donors on donations of between £600 and £5 million, while the donors themselves can claim relief from top rate down to standard rate. In effect, one-off gifts are thus to be treated the same as covenants. Along with other reforms, including VAT relief on equipment for medical care, medical research and sea rescue, the innovation should benefit the charities in Britain by an estimated annual £50 million.

The holy grail of charities tax reform - full personal tax deductibility for donations on the American model - is thus still held at bay by the Inland Revenue. The latter's aversion to spending public money through tax relief has long been respected by Chancellors of the Exchequer, however eager they may be to help their artistic and charitable friends and for all Mrs Thatcher's enthusiasm to encourage

private giving. in a nutshell, the Revenue and its Treasury masters believe that public money is better dispensed to good causes by cash-limited direct subsidies than by the reckless scatter of deductible private generosity. The man in Whitehall not only knows best but "gives" best. The Arts Council is a far finer conduit of Treasury patronage than corporate sponsors and private donors.

This scepticism was reflected in Mr Nigel Lawson's pathetically inadequate Give-as-youearn scheme. This enabled fixed and meagre sums to be regularly deducted (and taxrelieved) from pay packets and has received a poor response.

By the end of last year, fewer than 2 per cent of the potential contributors had signed up. The Charities Aid Foundation points out that in the USA, where such a scheme has been more successful, it developed only over a period of years. The slow start in this country is therefore comparable.

However, a more activist Chancellor has clearly now prevailed, albeit without overly offending the Revenue. The one-off donation is the most flexible form of giving. It responds to the emotional appeal or the carefully staged big fund-raising event, and Gift Aid should clearly be a help. As such, we must doubt whether any succeeding Chancellor will win more battles on this front.

What is now required is for the Government to tidy up the charities business in line with last year's White Paper on this topic. Of the 165,000 registered charities, it is likely that no more than 15,000 are still functioning.

The charities business is in a mess, and surrounded with suspicions of chicanery which could reflect badly on respectable ones. The Charity Commissioners will not put their own house in order. The Government must clearly force them to do so if the reinvigorated business of private giving is to flourish.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Censorship of Soviet mail

From Mr Arthur E. Smith Sir, I have just received a letter from a correspondent in the Soviet Union which took 25 days to reach me. This is a slight improvement on the previous letter, which took 35 days. My correspondent informs me that all my letters reach him unsealed, since what he cuphemistically calls the pochtovaya inspeksiya, or postal inspectorate, still opens all letters from foreigners.

In pre-glasnost days we ex-pected this and on one occasion a glorious bureaucratic mix-up led to my receiving a translation of one of my own letters, evidently made by a KGB censor and accidentally slipped into the en-velope when I received a reply. But this continued censorship does not sit comfortably with Mr Gorbachov's avowed intention to join the community of nations.

The postal authorities in this country tell me that they can do little other than to draw the attention of the Soviet authorities to the delays. My correspondence is purely social and friendly, but there must be many business deals which are delayed or even aborted by this Soviet predilection for censorship.

Yours sincerely, A. E. SMITH, 59 Kelston Road, Bath, Avon. March 20.

Stigma of leprosy

From the Deputy Director of Lepra Sir, Catherine Adams's report on leprosy in Romania (March 13) perfectly illustrates the fact that the stigma attached to leprosy remains perhaps the greatest impediment to its successful treatment and eventual eradication.

However, she is wrong on one crucial fact: leprosy is not "an incurable disease". The multi-drug therapy (MDT) recom-mended by the World Health Organisation since 1982 is proven to "cure" most paucibacillary (noo-infectious) patients within six months and most multibacillary (infectious). patients within two years. What it cannot, of course, do is to reverse disabilities caused by oerve damage in those sufferers who do oot receive prompt treatment.

It is oot surprising, given the strong association between leprosy and poverty, that the Ceausescu regime was loath to admit to the existence of a community of leprosy patients. Sadly for the world's estimated 12 million leprosy sufferers, most of whom live in the poorest countries, this combination of lack of available resources and the stigma of their disease means that less than a quarter of them are so far receiving the recommended effective treatment

Yours etc. FRANK BLACK. Depnty Director. Lepra (British Leprosy Relief Association), Fairfax House, Causton Road, Colchester, Essex,

Polytechnic cuts

From the Rector of the Polytechnic of Central London Sir, As yon correctly reported (March 16), the Polytechnic of Central London suffered the worst cash reduction (2.5 per cent) by the Polytechnics and Colleges

Funding Council of any poly-

technic in the country. This was because of its determination to maintain the high quality of the courses delivered to our students. This excellence has been attested by her Majesty's Inspectors in areas as diverse as engineering, art and design, and

mass media courses. By the usual criteria used to measure efficiency, such as student/ staff ratio and unit costs, the PCL was already the first or second most efficient polytechnic in the country. In the past five years it has also been the most successful in being awarded addi-tional students by PCFC's predecessor. This polytechnic has 21 per cent postgraduate students and was therefore disadvantaged because PCFC ignored the level nf educational provision.

Thus the result of the new system is to take away students and funding from one of the most efficient and successful institutions in the country and place them elsewhere. Was the Government's intention really to penalise those who were already efficient and successful in nrder to provide additional students to less efficient institutions?

Yours sincerel TERENCE BURLIN, Rector. Polytechnic of Central London, 309 Regent Street, W1.

Poll tax disquiet

From Mr Robert Breckman Sir, Having just spent several hours trying to get my elderly inlaws to co-ordinate the information required to obtain a poll tax relief for small income earners, I regard the application forms as destined to make the aged panic and cause them considerable dis-

Photostats or nriginals are re-quired of everything. Who, even in the best regulated households, has this documentary evidence at their fingertips? Absurd and irrelevant questions proliferate - e.g., "Where is your bedroom situated in your accommodation, e.g. front, centre, rear?" and "Is your bedroom on the left-hand side or

right-hand side of your accom-

modation

Crisis in care of elderly and sick

From the Director of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations

Sir, The debate and the Government defeat in the Commons on residential care (report, March 14, later editions) gave full Parliamentary recognition to a crisis that voluntary organisations have warned the Government about for two years - namely that the level of income support provided by the Department of Social Security for elderly people and people with disabilities is inadequate to meet the costs of residential and nursing

Voluntary organisations providing such care are being forced to absorb huge deficits something they cannot sustain for much longer. Residents and their families are being forced to seek help from sometimes five or six different charities to meet the gap between the income support rates and the fees charged by the home — often after relatives' own savings have been exhausted.

This problem is not unique to a few homes in a few expensive parts of the country. The evidence clearly shows that it is widespread across the country and affects all client groups in need of residential or nursing home care.

The debate on March 13 focused on the problems facing

Self-help at the top From the Chairman of the Associ-ation of Chief Executives of National Voluntary Organisations Sir, "Battling the loneliness of life

at the top" (Science & Technology, March 15) is, I am sure, an accurate reflection of how chief executives feel as managers of major commercial companies. This is also proving to be the case within the voluntary sector.

Unlike commercial companies, chief executives of national charities cannot be full members of their management board, to whom they are accountable, because of charity legislation. This often puts them in an even more isolated position, particularly if they are accountable to a group of volunteer board members who are perhaps committed to the "cause" but not the management of the organisation.

Farming today

Sir, One thing that Mr Heiney fails to mentioo of farming of 100 years ago ("A soo of the soil in the making", Review, March 17) is the abject poverty and discomfort of the farm worker. His rural idyll was built oo the sweated labour of these men who had to keep their families in pitiful bousing on very poor wages. If that is what Mr Heiney wants the countryside to

return to, he should tell us. We farmers have often bene-

Peace in Israel From Mr M. Kahtan

Sir, Does General Tillotson (March 13) really expect that a second Palestinian state cootrolling Nablus and Hebron, and only 14 miles from the sea, could bring much sunshine to the soft underbelly of Israel down below?

The General complains that Sharon "makes no positive suggestion as to how democracy is to be restored to the Arabs of the West Bank". When did they have it in the first place? And when he advocates that "both Arabs and Jews belong in Palestine" is he suggesting that, at last, Jews can now settle in that part across the river Jordan and which is currently called Jordan?

be able to depend for her security on international safeguards and guarantees, the General should recall how long it took U Thant to proceed with the evacuation of the UN forces in Sinai in 1967, when Nasser gave him the order. They were then supposed to be a safe-guard. So thanks, but no thanks. Yours faithfully, M. KAHTAN, 32 The Green, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey.

Irish courts

From Mr Barry Doyle Sir, Once again some elected members of your country's re-spected Parliament have rushed to condemn a verdict of the Supreme Court in Ireland as evidence of some imagined default by the Irish Government in its obligation under the Anglo-Irish Agreement (report, March 13; letters, March 15).

the court's decision, may I say that this type of reaction gives rise to the most serious misgivings in this country as to how your elected representatives view the role of the courts. When British Govern-

ask for Government help before in

their lives. Their pride has been shattered. Is this what the "community" charge was supposed 10 do - cause aggravation and distress to old-age pensioners? Yours faithfully. ROBERT BRECKMAN, Breckman & Company

49 South Molton Street, W1. March 19. From Mrs Sonia Gable Sir, Philip Howard's history of the word "poind" (Old words for new, March 20) brings some light relief in an ntherwise unpleasant Scot-

(Chartered accountants).

tish process of law. But he is wrong in saying that we shall in the course of poll tax collection meet with pointing in

England, too, Tax collectors in

April, 1991. Just as real, however, is the crisis facing residents and voluntary sector providers now.

existing residents when new arrangements for funding and

delivery of care are introdoced in

Unless the Government substantially increases the income support rates this April, above the already promised £10 per week, or finds an equivalent funding mechanism to bridge the gap, it will become more and more difficult for voluntary organisations and charities to continue with their excellent work in providing residential and nursing care for some of the most vulnerable members of our society.

No voluntary organisation wishes to evict any of its residents, but without some Government action this is the dilemma we will have to face. Yours faithfully, USHA PRASHAR, Director, National Council for Voluntary

Organisations, A. BENNETT, Director, Leonard Cheshire Foundation GEOFFREY DALTON, Secretary General, Mencap, KEN YOUNG. Chief Executive, Spastics Society, JIM COULTER, Director, National Federation Housing 26 Bedford Square, WC1.

March 19.

This association was formed two years ago as a mechanism for enabling chief executives of charities to come together for mutual support and development. As managers they do require much of the training identified in the Times article, but of course their organisations are often not able to afford the fees charged by INSEAD (the postgraduate school of management at Fontainebleau) or Cranfield School of Manage-

ment. For the time being, at least, in true voluntary-sector style we will have to depend to a large extent oo self-help. Yours faithfully

M. R. WHITLAM, Chairman, **Association of Chief Executives** of National Voluntary Organisations, 105 Gower Street, WC1.

fited from those who have joined

us from other jobs; they bring in

new ideas and money to im-

plement them, I do oot think that

we shall be too influenced by Mr

Heiney, because not only has

farming become industrialised, so

has the country as a whole. Mercifully, there is now oo pool of

cheap labour that his system

When I took them to the main

ment ministers react in the same

way the British Constitution itself

In Ireland the judiciary is independent of the Government

and the legislature and acts to

enforce the law, whether in ac-

cordance with or contrary to the

wishes or stated requirements of

the Government. This is a fun-

damental guarantee of constitu-

must be under threat.

tional rights.
Yours faithfully,
BARRY DOYLE,

From Mr C. R. Wace

Gables Farm, Hemblington, Norwich, Norfolk.

demands.

Yours faithfully,

K. WALL

Museum life

From Ms Dinah Bisdee Sir, My children (aged nine and twins, five) and I quite often visit London's museums. The "VDUs and ioter-active things", on which Simon Tait

reports that the Director of the British Museum pours such scorn ("Another fine old mess", The Arts, March 18), greatly help their enjoyment and, I believe, allow them to think of museums as welcoming, interesting places. They particularly enjoyed "Creepy Crawlies" at the Natural History Museum and the Inuit exhibit at the Museum nf Mankind, both of which had "life" in them and generated a lot of interest.

As for his hint that Israel should British Museum it was a different matter. That museum was "dead" full of glass-cased exhibits, with hostile guards forbidding them from touching anything, and (to children) an unwelcoming atmosphere. They couldn't wait to leave, and, faced with their boredom, nor could I. Ynurs faithfully, DINAH BISDEE 16 Elers Road, W13. March 20.

Without expressing any view on

My in-laws have oever had to

England and Wales do not have the remedy of pointing available to them; instead they have to distrain upon the goods and chattels of the dehtor.

T. T. L. Overend, McCarron

& Gibbons (Solicitors),

9 Upper Mount Street,

Dublin 2, Irish Republic.

This procedure is also referred to as levying distress, which those faced with it will no doubt consider a far more appropriate description.

Yours faithfully, SONIA GABLE (Tax Partner), Phillip George (Accountants), City Gate House, 309-426 Eastern Avenue. llford, Essex. March 20.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -

Harrow School development

From the Leader of Harrow

Council Sir, Harrow School has decided to proceed with its plans to erect a 480-seat theatre and 21 houses in the Harrow on the Hill conservatinn area, despite the strongest opposition from Harrow Council, residents and past pupils. This decision is symptomatic of the grave social issues affecting this

borough and Greater London. In the last decade, national trends supporting new homebuilding meant that numerous council planning decisions were overturned by the Department of the Environment on appeal - often in the face of strong objec-

tions from local people: However, in response to pressure from Harrow, and other like-minded councils, the Government has come to accept that well-loved areas nf exceptional character need protecting from an onslaught of bricks before they are destroyed

for future generations. Unfortunately, this change in planning policies may come too late for Harrow on the Hill. However, there must still be a strong hope that the great sway of public pressure will change the minds of those responsible for Harrow School, in line with modern attitudes towards conservation and environmental

protection. For its own part, Harrow Council has taken positive action to draw up its unitary development plan (UDP), setting out new planning policies to protect and enhance the borough. This month, consultation has taken place among residents on a new set of policy guidelines to direct and control development, and there has been an encouraging response.

Until Harrow's UDP is formally adopted in 1992 these outline policies will back up existing local plans and help to protect the area from unnecessary and uncharacteristic developments.

Once these policies are in place I am confident that Harrow Council, and the residents whom it serves, can rely upon far greater support from the Department of the Environment. The borough will then be spared from thoughtless and destructive developments such as is currently proposed for Harrow on the Hill Yours sincerely, R. GRANT, Leader,

Honesty in business

Harrow Council,

Civic Centre, Harrow, Middlesex.

PO Box 2,

March 16.

Sir, Dr von Zugbach, of the Glasgow Business School, tells us in his letter about the Harrods affair (March 17) that lying, if breaking no law, "must be judged as the normal and proper behav-iour of competent and responsible entrepreneurs". He suggests that it is the responsibility of others not to be danced.

Two nights ago, an 18-year-old boy told me some lies in order to get himself out of minor trouble. but I was not duned. I told him that above all else his future employers would demand integrity; and that, although we all make mistakes, our response to the consequences should not be deceit. I hope I convinced him. Dr von Zugbach and I are both

teachers. Which of us is correctly preparing young people for their future roles in society? Yours faithfully, RICHARD KENT (Senior Housemaster, Cheltenham College), Newick House, Sandford Road,

Cheltenham, Gioucestershire.

First-class post

March 17.

From Miss Kate Baldwin Sir, With reference to Mrs Mc-Intyre's letter (March 20), last Christmas my fiance and I sent a card to a friend in the Royal Navy, based in Plymonth. Although we had visited him on a number of occasions, we did not have any record of his address.

Accordingly, I addressed the envelope, "The red house that used to be the Post Office, with a post box in its front wall, next to the shop, which is next to the pub, on the High Street, Sparkwell, Nr. Plymouth".

The card was delivered safely, and on time. Yours faithfully KATE BALDWIN. Flat 8, Eversholt House, Grove Road, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire. March 21.

In case of need

From Mr E. L. R. Rix Sir, Mr Tom Ruben (March 12) need not fear that his experience indicates any sudden change of policy or dark designs by British Rail. Over 20 years ago I and my family were travelling down from Scotland. As dinoer showed no sign of materialising two of my sons went to investigate. They appeared some minutes later dressed in white coats and proceeded to serve dinner to the whole car.

They did not share the tips but were given free dinners by the sole grateful member of the official staff. The nthers had failed to turn

Yours faithfully, E. L. R. RIX, Grove House, Sellindge, nr. Ashford, Kent. March 16.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 21: His Excellency Shri
Kuldip Nayar was received in
audience by The Queen and
presented the Letters of Recall
of his predecesors and his own of his predecessor and his own letters of Commission as High Commissioner for India in

His Excellency was accompa-nied by the following members of the High Commission: Shri Selman Haidar (Deputy High Commissioner), Shri Keki Daruwalla (Minister, Consular), Shri B.K. Rainakar Rao (Minister Convinction) Shri Sari B.K. Ratnakar Rao (Minister, Coordination). Shri Surendra Kumar (Counsellor, Press and Informatioo). Shri Prabhat Shukla (Counsellor, Political), Commodore George Kailath (Naval Adviser). Air Commodore Vinod Patney (Air Adviser) and Colonel Virender Budhwar (Acting Military Adviser).

Shrimati Bharati Nayar was also received by Her Majesty. Sir Patrick Wright (Perma-nent Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in

His Excellency Mr Zbigniew Gertych and Madame Gertych were received to farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upoo His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the nd Pienipotentiary from the Republic of Poland to the Court of St James's.

Mr Brian Fall (British High Commissioner to Canada) and Mrs Fall were received by The

The President of Czecho-slovakia visited The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh and remained to lunch. The following were invited: Mr Sasa Vondra (Adviser to The President), His Excellency the Ambassador of Czechoslovakia and Mrs Dudova, Mr Laurence
O'Keeffe, Sir Patrick and Lady
Wright, Mr Harold Pinter and
the Lady Antonia Pinter, Mrs
Connor White and Sir Charles

and Lady Mackerras.

A Guard of Honour, found by The Queen's Guard, 1st Battal-ion Coldstream Guards, was

mounted in the Quadrangle,
The Major Generat
Commanding Household Division and the Field Officer in Brigade Waiting were present. The Queen and The Duke of Edioburgh gave a Reception this evening at Buckingham Palace for the winners of The Queen's

ogy in 1989 at which The Duke of Gloucester was present. The Duke of Edinburgh. Patron, this morning visited the City of London Polytechnic and was received by the Provost (Professor Roderick Floud) and the Chairman of Governors (the Lord Limerick).

Brigadier Clive Robertson was in attendance. By Command of The Queen, the Baroness Blatch (Baroness in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this morning upon the Arrival of The President of Czecho-slovakia and welcomed His Excellency on behalf of Her

Majesty.

By Command of The Queen,
the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne (Lord in Waiting) was present at Gatwick Airport, Londoo this afternoon upon the Departure of The Duke and Duchess of Kent for the United States of America and bade farewell to Their Royal High-nesses on behalf of Her Majesty.

CLARENCE HOUSE
March 21: Queen Elizabeth The
Queen Mother, accompanied by
The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was present this
evening at a Gala Performance
of L'Elisir d'Amore at The
Royal Opera House, Covent
Garden, io aid of the Royal
Opera House Trust.

Opera House Trust. The Lady Grimthorpe and Sir Martio Gilliat were io

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 21: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Soowdon,
this afternoon visited the
United Biscuits Factory at
Harlesden, NW10.

The Hoo Mrs Wills was in

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 21: The Duke and Duchess of Kent this morning left
Gatwick Airport, Londoo for
Houston, Texas, to attend the
Houston International Festival;
His Royal Highness, ViceChairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will go on to visit Washington and New

received upon arrival at the airport by The Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne (representing Her Majesty The Queen), Mr Ronald Woods (Charge d'Affaires at the United States Embassy), Mr Ian Hamilton (Operations Director, Gatwick Airport Limited), and Mr Ray Saver (Senior General Manager. Sayer (Senior General Manager, British Airways). Mrs Alan Henderson and Mr

Aodrew Palmer are in attendance.

OBITUARIES

LORD ROTHSCHILD

A man of many parts - scientist, government adviser and MI5 agent

Lord Rothschild, GBE, GM, FRS, third Baron, who died on March 20 at the age of 79, was a man whose considerable achievements were in widely differing spheres. Born into a celebrated banking family, be also made original contributions to scientific knowledge; he was a successful oil executive; he was bead of the "Think Tank" in the Conservarive government of Edward Heath from 1971 to 1974; he had won a George Medal for resource and bravery; he was a county cricketer and single-handicap golfer, and he had served in the wartime MI5.

It was in the last connection that his name had most recently come before the public, when, in 1987, he became involved in the controversy over the Government's attempt to ban the publication in Australia of the memoirs of Peter Wright, a former MI5 agent. Rothschild suf-fered much when Anthony Blunt, also a former member of MI5, was exposed as having been a Soviet agent. Rothschild had been an associate of Blunt at Cambridge and, like him, and Guy Burgess, a member of The Apostles society. now notorious for the proportion of traitors it nurtured.

When Blunt's treachery became public knowledge Rothschild, too, became the target of innuendo that he had also been a spy, and he arranged for Peter Wright to fly from Australia to London to help him clear his name. When the Government tried to stop Wright publishing his book, Rothschild found himself again accused of spying and of breaching the Official Secrets Act. The Prime Minister totally exonerated him on the first, and the Attorney-General, on the second charge, but only after eight months of great strain for Rothschild, while his case was investigated.

Nathaniel Mayer Victor Roth-schild was born on October 31, 1910 and went to Harrow and Trinity College, Cambridge. At cricket be went in first for Harrow with Terence Rattigan and it was characteristic of him that, not having been awarded a Blue at Cambridge, he got himself invited by his county to play against the University and scored a century. He played for Northants and described batting against Larwood and Voce as the most alarming experience of his life.

Instead of reading for the Tripos he took a pass degree, but all the time he was learning the technique of scientific research under Sir James Gray and his work on fertilization won him a Fellowship at Trinity in 1935. He succeeded his father as third

Baron in 1937. During the war be served in the anti-sabotage section for MI5, and in 1944 he defused a bomb con-

cealed in a crate of Spanish onions

in the hold of a ship, an operation which earned him his GM. Back in Cambridge be was made

Chairman of the Agricultural Re-search Council and during the next 10 years persuaded the Government to make a substantial increase in the Council's grant. His own research concerned the fertilization of eggs by spermatozoa whose movements be studied by investigating their beat production and biochemical metabolism. He asked wby normally only one spermatzoon enters an egg on fertilization, and in collaboration with Michael (later Lord) Swann he discovered how an egg "closed its doors" to other sperm after the fertilizing sperm had attached itself to the egg's surface. His most original work lay in estimating sperm speeds by the mathematical technique called probability-after-effect. In 1956 he published Fertilization and in 1961 A Classification of Living Animals which went into several editions. He was made a Fellow of the Royal

Society in 1953.
In 1963 be accepted a consultancy with Shell. There his executive talents were recognized and he was soon made responsible for the whole

research programme of the Royal Dutch Shell group. Retiring at the compulsory age of 60, he was unexpectedly offered another post. This was to create the Central Policy Review Staff, a new piece of Government machinery set up by Edward Heath soon after be became Prime Minister. The choice of Rothschild to run the Think Tank was surprising but inspired. Known as someone who got things done by

provocation and believed to be a

man of the left, he was at heart a

technocrat who wanted to apply to social problems the efficient methods he had learnt to admire at Shell. He was shrewd enough to realize that his one hope of success was to work with the Whitehall mandarins and not against them. He established a system to spot crucial subjects and a portfolio of "collec-tive briefs" which could be updated as occasion arose. The coal industry,

shipbuilding, nuclear power, race relations, and the computer industry were some of the subjects for report; and the Think Tank warned of the impending oil crisis. Rothschild's penchant for the unconventional could get him into that interested them. The report fell trouble. In September 1973 he made like lead upon the scientific commu-

a public speech warning that "unless we give up the idea that we are one of the wealthiest most influential and important countries in the world we are likely to find ourselves in increasingly serious trouble". Unfortunately this coincided with ministerial speeches declaring that we were such a country and a displeased Prime Minister carpeted him. When HaroldWilson became Prime Minister it soon became evident that short term solutions were the order of the day and Rothschild, finding himself also out of sympathy with the Government's long-term plans for nuclear power, resigned.

His experience in Shell and the Think Tank made him revise the views he had held in the Agricultural Research Council about funding government scientific research. He thought too much money was spent on open-ended research and too little on solving industrial problems. In a report he advocated that the customer should call the time and pay for the research he needed done instead of funds being given to

nity. After bitter debates he got most of what he wanted, but after a few years of economic decline the money subtracted from the Research Council's grants was absorbed into the current expenditure of government departments, and the worst fears of the scientists were fulfilled.

Rothschild's last major public service was his chairmanship of a Royal Commission on Gambling. His report did not moralize. Instead it suggested ways in which gamblers would be protected against fraud and crime reduced, and was a remarkable analysis of a lahyrinthine industry. Little was done to implement its recommendations.

In 1975 Rothschild became a director and for a short time executive chairman of N. M. Rouschild & Soos where he formed a company enabling the public to take a stake in genetic engineering, gene-slicing and other bio-technical enterprises. In the tradition of his family he was a collector: as an undergrad-uate of Swift manuscripts and 18th century first editions, which he gave

to Trinity College.

Through his family trust in Israel he helped the Weizmann Institute and persuaded the authorities to introduce educational television to teach illiterate immigrant children. He presented a golf course to Caesarea on which he played the first round with Sam Snead.

He had married in 1933 Barbara. the high-spirited daughter of St John and Mary Hutchinson, by whom he had a son and two daughters, and their house on the Backs, Merton Hall, was the scene of splendid parties. But two such distinct and powerful temperaments were doomed to discord and they divorced in 1945.

His second marriage, to Teresa Mayor, brought him great happiness and by her he had two daughters and

He was proud to be a Rothschild but irked by other people's expectations of what it was to be one. "We Rothschilds," be said, "are quick to take offence and quick to give it."
He could indeed by famously rude to bores and abrupt with the stuffy; and neither was likely to appreciate his boisterous schoolboy humour.
As a technocrat he lamented the

inefficiency and complacency of our national life, and reflected on such matters in two boooks Meditations of a Broomstick (1973) and Random Variables (1984). When he was over 70 he was supervised every Friday by a don in mathematical statistics. He used to say that the grey cells in his brain were dying at a fair rate and that those that remained needed polishing. In each job he did, he inspired colleagues and made friends, but he never forgot his oldest to whom he was always kind. He is succeeded by his son, the financier Jacob Rothschild.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.N.W. McHardy and Miss M.J. Forbes-Leith The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Col and Mrs W.G. McHardy, Woodend House, Banchory, Kincardine-shire, and Miranda, elder daughter of Sir Andrew Forbes-Leith, Bt, and the late Jane Kate Forhes-Leith.

Aberdeenshire. Mr T.G.M. Morony

and Miss S.J. Jamieson
The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of the late General Sir Thomas Lovett Morony, and of Lady Morony, of Yetminster, Dorset, and Susan, younger daughter of Drs Walter and Sheila Jamieson, of Rockfield Crescent, Dundee.

Mr S.D. Back and Miss C.A. Hyde-Price The engagement is anoounced between Stephen David, son of Mr and Mrs Vernon Bach, of London, NW11, and Carolice Anne, daughter of Lt Cdr and Mrs G. Hyde-Price, of Goring-

Mr P.R. Carter and Miss C.E.G. Emley The engagement is anoounced between Paul, son of Lieuten-am-Colonel and Mrs A.E. Carter, of Farnham, Surrey, and Charlotte (Choppy), daughter of Colonel and Mrs D.B. Emley, of

Tenoy's Court, Marnhull, Dorset. Mr J. Connelly and Miss L.A. Johnson and Miss L.A. Johnson
The engagement is announced
between James, eldest son of Mr
and Mrs Seamus Connelly, of
Camberwell, London, and
Lesley Anne, only daughter of
Mrs Anne Johnson-Rooks, of
Chistehurst, Kent, and nf the late Mr Peter Johnson.

Mr J.P. Medd and Miss M.D.S. Healy The engagement is announced between James, son of Dr and Mrs W.E. Medd, of Claygate, Surrey, and Melanie, daughter of Mr and Mrs T.D. Healy, of Bodsham, Kent.

Mr T.N.B. Higginson and Miss S.J. Corner The engagement is anooonced between Timothy, second son of between Timothy, second son of Dr J.C. Higginson, of Banstead, Surrey, and Mrs M.W. Higginson, of Baildon, Yorkshire, and Stephanic, elder daughter of Lt Col and Mrs A.C. Corner, of Nether Wallop, Hampshire.

Mr J.R. Howell and Dr M. Horsley
The engagement is announced between John, third son of Mr between Jonn, third son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Howell, of Forest Hill, London, and Marianne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Cyril Horsley, of Colwich, Staffordshire.

Mr J.R. Keen and Miss C.A-M. Devereux The engagement is announced between Jeremy, only son of Mr and Mrs Richard Keen, of Hove, and Christina, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Devereux, of Sevenoaks.

Memorial service | Luncheon

Mr Brian Reade
A memorial service for Mr
Brian Reade was held vesterday
at Holy Trinity. Sloane Street.
SW1. The Rev Keith Yates
officiated Mr Alban Reade, son,
Mr Ronald Lightbown and Mr
Lionel Lamborne paid tribute.

Rotary Club of London
The London Mayor of Westminster, accompanied by the
Lady Mayoress, was the speaker
at a Rotary Club of London
luncheon held yesterday at the
Cafe Royal. Mr Alan Dunlop,
president, was in the chair.

The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Mr John Margetson, of Christchurch, Dorset, and Mrs Tim Odooe, of Kimpton, Hampshire, and Louisa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Jon Wood, of Orchard House Oxtoo.

Orchard House, Oxtoo

Nottinghamshire. Mr S.R. Mitchell

and Miss E.M. Kydd The engagement is announced between Sampson Ross, only son of Mr and Mrs Sampsoo Mitchell, of Woore, Shropshire and Elizabeth Mary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Douglas Kydd, of Twyford, West Felton, Shropshire.

Mr A. Morrison-Corley and Miss C.S. Wootton The engagement is announced between Andrew, soo of the late Lt-Colonel F.C.B. Morrison-Corley and of Mrs M.L. Morrison-Corley, and Tiggy, daughter of Major and Mrs T.P. Wootton, Miltoo House, East Knoyle, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Mr H.S. Muirhead and Miss S.J. Talbot

The engagement is announced between Hugh Spencer, son of Major and Mrs Riebard Muirhead, of Plumpton, Sussex, and Sarah Josephine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Talbot, of Tilford,

Mr P.H. Owens Mr P.H. Owens
and Miss A.M. Myer
The engagement is anoounced
between Peter, soo of Mr and
Mrs H.V. Owens, of Dalkey,
Dublin, and Alison, daughter of
Mr and Mrs K.N. Myer, of
Angmering-oo-Sea, West Angmering-oo-Sea,

Dr D.A. Ross, RAMC and Miss J.E. Crowder The engagement is announced between David Andrew Ross, of Faversham, Kent, and Janet Elizabeth Crowder, of Bolton, Lancs

Dr P.J.R. Taylor and Dr P.A. O'Kane The engagement is announced between Philip, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.W. Taylor, of Tuddenham St Martin, Suffolk, and Patricia, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs P.E. O'Kane, of Spennymoor, Co Durham.

Mr N.A.P. Walsh and Miss C.J. Clark The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder soo of Mr and Mrs N.C. Walsh, of Lewes, Sussex, and Caroline, only daughter of Mr K.V.J. Clark, of Peacehaven, Sussex, and Mrs S.K. Hackett, of

Mr D.A. Young and Miss L.R. Pavlovsky and Miss L.R. Pavlovsky
The eogagement is announced
between David, son of Mr and
Mrs Dnvid Young, of
Beckenham, Kent, and Lisa,
daughter of Mr and Mrs
Michael Pavlovsky, also of
Beckeoham, Kent.

Ringmer, Sussex.

open a leisure complex at the Chesterfield Hotel at 7.30 and attend a gala dinner at the hotel.

Appointments Latest appointments include: Captain A. G. Y. Thorpe to be a circuit judge, assigned to the South Eastern Circuit.

LEV YASHIN The Black Panther in the Moscow Dynamo goal

died of stomach cancer. He

was 60. The former Moscow Dynamo player, known as "The Black Panther", was European Footballer of the Year in 1963, the only goalkeeper to win the award.

As a goalkeeper, Yashin took his place in the pantheon of the world's best, even for the British, who in those days size he had much in common. tended to scoff at the Continental variety.
His nickname was a tribute

to his agility as well as to his trademark of an all-black strip. Like all the best goalkeepers, he bad a fine positional sense, so that shots seemed to go straight at him, and he himself described his secret as "to observe the opponent".

A heavy smoker, and an

Today's royal

The Duke of Edinburgh, patron and trustee, will attend receptions for young people who have reached the Gold Standard in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, at St James's Palace, 11.30 and 4.00; and, as Colonelin-Chief, will attend the fiftieth anniversary dinner of the Intelligence Corps at the Mansioo House at 7.30.

The Princess Royal will visit the

Sherwood Foresters War Me-morial, Crich Stand, Matlock, Derbyshire, at 11.20; the Briars

Residential Centre, Crich Com-mon, at 11.45; and will com-mission a large new aluminium

extrusion press at Scandanavian Aluminium Profiles plant, Tibshelf, at 12.40. She will open

Eckington School, Dronfield Road, Eckington, at 1.50, the new headquarters of the

Chesterfield and North Derby-shire Chamber of Commerce, Canal Wharf, Chesterfield, at

3.50; and will open the materiary and gynaecology wing. Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Royal Hospital at 4.35. Later, as President of the Save the Children Fund, she will

engagements

considerable success in the 1950s and 1960s.

whose popularity transcends all national boundaries, like Pele and Eusebio, Bobby Chariton and John Charles, with whose temperament and

A very modest man, Yashin wore his fame lightly, living in a modest two bedroom flat in Moscow. Eastern European "amateurism" has, legitimately, long been a target for scorn but Yashin remained an amateur at heart in the best way possible. He was a chiv-alrous opponent, his love of football shining through his displays.

unlikely looking athlete in end. Despite losing a leg two understudy to the famous winning the Russian some ways, Yashin was an years ago, be continued to goalkeeper "Tiger" Khomich. five times in his era. end. Despite losing a leg two understudy to the famous winning the Russian League

Speaker

Were:

gave a dinner in Speaker's House last night. The guests

Wert:

Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, MP, and
Mrs Borhaman-Smith, Mr John Battle,
MP, and Mrs Bettle, Mr Ray Cartle
and Mrs Edwina Currie, Mp, Mr
Terry Diels, MP, and Mrs Dirics, Mr
Alan Howards, MP, and Mrs Dirics, Mr
Howards, Sebbarn, Mr Eddie Louden,
and the Rev Wilson McCas, MP,
and Mrs McCrea, Mr and Mrs Kai
Achner, Mr and Mrs Frenk Birch, Mr
and Mrs William McKay, the Rev
Alen and Mrs McGeleton, both Matthew
Parris, Mr and Mrs Roger Philips, Mr
and Mrs Koog Tan, Mr and Mrs Colin
Walker and Mrs Edeen Wright.

Born in Moscow, Yashin's sporting prowess took time to boxed and ran, be did so

but his success initially was as the KGB. He also did well from the memory. enough to gain a berth in He retained that love to the Dynamo's soccer team as equally successful, Dynamo

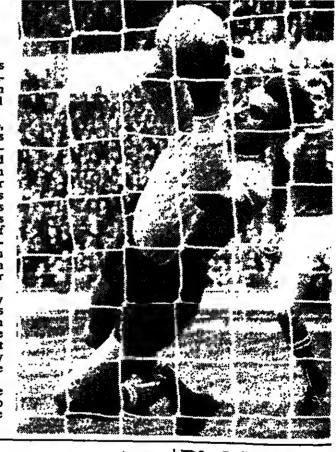
Lev Yashin, the Russian inter-national goalkeeper and one of filled the goal with his for-the first Soviet sportsmen to midable presence. He was an Kiev Dynamo go ont of the mently to the ice rink that an become a bouschold name important influence in the European Cup earlier this injury to Khomich in 1951 beyond his own country, has Russian side which enjoyed season, be asked an English gave him an opening.

visitor to take postcards out of the country for Bobby and he went on to win 78 caps Charlton and Bobby Moore, with whom he still corre-keepers he had his bad sponded, Chariton playing in a testimonial for him last year. the 1962 World Cup quarter final game against Chile was widely hlamed for Russia's develop. Although he played exit, and in 1966, when he was basketball and ice hockey, generally regarded as one of generally regarded as one of the great successes, the manwithout distinction, and his early steps as a footballer, were as a forward for the aircraft factory where he began work at 14.

Those occasions were vasily

Things changed when he outnumbered however, by his finally moved back into goal great performances. In and began his national service, particular, his display for the but his success initially was as Rest of the World against an ice bockey goalkeeper with England in the FA Centenary Moscow Dynamo, the club of match is impossible to efface

His club performances were



Dinners

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at Lord Mayor
The Lord Mayor and Lady
Mayoress entertained at dinner
at the Mansion House last night The Prime Minister was host at a dinner held last night at 10 Downing Street in bonour of Mr Václav Havel, President of Czechoslovakia. The other guests were. The Ambassador of Czechoslovakia and Mrs Dudova, Mr Milan Khagho, Mr Alegandr Vondra, Mr Jin Krissan, Prime Schwarzenberts. Mr Miroslav Reinly, Mp. and Mrs Ridge. Mr Cocci Parkinson. Mp. and Mrs Ridge. Mr Cocci Parkinson. Mp. and Mrs Ridge. Correction of London and

Corporation of London and their escorts.
The Lord Mayor, the Master of the Mercers' Company and the Master of the Grocers' Company were the speakers. Among others present were:

Sir Peter and Lady Studd. Sir Hugh
and Lady Wontner. Sir Kenneth and
Lady Cork. Mr E R W Bidweil. Mr JR
P Bidweil. Mr M. E H Bidweil. Mr MS S
H M Bidweil. Mr and Mrs Edward
Lindington. Mr and Mrs Michael
McBrien. Mr and Mrs Shone and
Mr and Mrs John Shone and
Mr and Mrs John Wheeler.

Vaccav Havel, President of Czechoslovakia and Mrs Dudova, Mr Milian Rhapko, Mr Alexandr Vondra, Mr Milian Rhapko, Mr Alexandr Vondra, Mr Milian Rhapko, Mr Alexandr Vondra, Mr Jiri Krisan, Prince Schwarzesheru, Mr Miroslav Pribyl, Mr Roman Hrones, the Hon Nicholas Riding, Mp, and Mrs Riding, Mr Cocil Parkinson, Mp, and Mrs Riding, Mr Cocil Parkinson, Mp, and Mrs Riding, Mr Riding, Mr Hone, Mr Hand, Mr Timony Pantino, Mp, and Mrs Howard, CC, Mp, and Mrs Howard, CC, Mp, and Mrs Howard, Mr Richard Luca, Mp, and Mrs Hone, Millian Waldegrave, Lord Weldenfeld, Sr Bernard Braine, Mp.

Mr Peddy Andown, Mp, and Mrs Waldegrave, Lord Weldenfeld, Sr Bernard Braine, Mp.

Mr Peddy Andown, Mp, and Mrs Ashdown, the Hon William Shawcross, Sr Isatah Bertin, OM, and Lady Bertin. Sir Trevor and Lady Heidsworth. Sir Lestie and Lady Heidsworth. Mrs Marshall, Mr Robert Rhodes James, Mr Ton Stuppard and Dr Miriam Sloppard. Dr John Marsk. Mp, and Mrs Marshall, Mr Robert Rhodes James, Mr Ton Stuppard Levin. Miscare, Mrs Diana Pripras, Mr and Mrs Zdenek, Miscare Kynd, Mr Robert Robert Robert Robert Scrion. Mr and Mrs Timothy Gartor-Asia, Mr Robert Mischell, Sir Teresce and Lady Heiser, Mr P L Orkeeffe, Mrs Tassa Kesyrick, Mes Garot Thalther and Mr Charles Powel. Lord Trefgame, Minister for Trade, presided at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Govern-ment last night at Lancaster House in honour of Mr Donald The Speaker and Mrs Weatherill Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, Chief of Naval Staff and First Sea Lord, presided at a Navy

HM Government

Board Lent Term dinner held last night at Admiralty House. Among those present were: The Earl of Eigh and Kincardine, Lord Flowers. Sir Michael Palliser. Admiral Sir John Kerr, Vice-Admiral Kenneth Earon, Rear-Admiral Hugo White, Mr Kenneth Macdonald, Mr Richard Baker and Professor David Dilla. European-Atlantic Group Dr Wilfried Guth was the guest speaker at a meeting of the European-Atlantic Group held yesterday at the House of Commons, by courtesy of Sir Antony Buck, QC, MP. Lord Rippon of Hexham, QC.

chairmao, presided. Lord Campbell of Croy, Lord Grantchester, QC. and Lord Taylor of Gryfe also spoke. Sir Frank Roberts 'presided at a dinner-discussion held after-wards at the St Ermin's Hotel. wards at the St Ermin's Hotel.

Among those present were:

Members of the Disternatic Corps,
Judith Countess of Listowel. SirAlistein and Lady Frame. Sir Reay
Geddes. Lady Grundy. Sir Nicholas.

Renderton. Sir Hotel Sones. Sir David
and Lady Lidentaile. Sir John Feel.

Lady Riggoon. Lady Roberts. Sir Archibaid Ross. Sir Oliver Wright, Mr.

Herry Tharis. Mr. Uwe Krizhpen.

Major-Carleta. Mr. Treeway.

The Department of Trade and Industry

and British and oversass banks.

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College of Assesthetists
The President and Mrs Rosen were hosts at the 42nd anniversary dinner held last night. The principal speakers were the Rt Hon Lord Justice Watkins, Lord Justice of Appeal and Sir Robert Kilpatrick, President, General Medical Council. Other guests

Medical Council Other guests included:
Sir Donald Acheson, Sir James Black, Sir Christopher Booth, Sir Anthony Brahlam, Excersess Hooper, Sir Mainten, Straker, Pearl, Sir George Pholes, Lord Stanker, Pearl, Sir George Professor, Lord Smith, Professor W. Ascher, Dr. J.L.T. Efrey, Dr. M.M. Burrows, Dr. S. Carrot, Professor, G.D., Calabolin, Professor, J.L. Calabolin, Professor, J.L. Calabolin, Professor, J. Layd, Professor, D.K. Professor, J. Layd, Professor, J. Layd, Professor, M. Turner, Warwick, Professor, M. Turner, Warwick, Professor, M. Turner, Warwick, Professor, M. Nunn, Dr. J.E. Rading, Dr. C.F. Scurr, Dr. S. Seiner, Mr. J. Cambarter, M. Straker, S. Scurr, Dr. E. A. Seiner, Mr. J. Cambarter, M. S. Seiner, Mr. J. Cambarter, Mr. J. L. Lander, Mr. J. Cambarter, Mr. J. Cambarter, Mr. J. L. Lander, Mr. J. L. La

The Madame Bollinger Medal Monsieur Christian Bizot wa

Monsieur Christian Bizot was host at a dinner given yesterday at The Savoy Hotel, when he presented Mr Mark Pardoe, MW, with the Madame Bollinger Medal for Excellence in Wine Tasting in the Institute of Masters of Wine examination. The speakers were M Christian Bizot, President Directeur General of Champagne Bollinger and Mr David Stevens, MW, Executive Director of the Institute of Masters of tor of the Institute of Masters of The Marketing Group of Great

Mr David Wynne-Morgan presided over the dinner held last night at the Hyatt Carlton Tower Hotel by the Marketing Group of Great Britain. The gueat speaker was Mr Marmaduke Hussey, Chairman of the BBC.

Reception

The Lord's Taverners
Ronald Gerard, OBE, was the
host last night at a reception, at
the Ritz Club, Ritz Hotel, to mark the commencement of the Lord's Taverners' cricket season. This year the Lord's Taverners celebrate their ruby anniversary. The many guests included:

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and Mrs. Bernard and Mrs. Schuler
Norgan, Mr Nicholas Parson, Mr 2nd
Mrs Calve Radley, Mr Willio Rushton.
Capter, Anthony Swaimson (Brector)
and Mrs. Swainson. Mr and Mrs. Bill Tidy.
Mr Darek Uffon (Chairman Elect) and
Mrs. Judy Uffon and Mrs. Bill Tidy.
Mrs. Judy Uffon and Mrs. Bill Wiggins.

Birthdays today

Lord Alport, 78; Mr George Benson, singer and guitarist, 47; Mr R.A. Bethell, Lord Lieutenant of Humberside, 68; Mrs Betty Callaway, ice-skating trainer, 62; the Very Rev Robert Craig, former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 73; Air Marshal Sir Denis Crowley-Milling, 71; Mr Brian Hanrahan, broadcaster, 41; Mr D.C. Ingman, chairman, British D.C. Ingman, chairman, British Waterways Board, 62; The Very Rev Lawrence Jackson, Provost of Blackburn, 64; Professor Harry Kay, former vice-chan-cellor, Exeter University, 71; Mr Andrew Lloyd Webber, com-poser, 42; M Marcel Marceau, mime artist, 67; Lavinia Duch-ess of Norfolk, 74; Lady (Fred-erick) Ogilvie, former principal, St Anne's College, Oxford, 90; Mr C.S. Pick, publisher, 73; Sir Lynden Pindling, Prime Minister of the Bahamas, 60; Sir Bryan Roberts, QC, 67; Mr Paul Schockemöhle, showjumper, 45; Mr Stephen Sondheim, composer and lyricist, 60; Lord Stokes, 76; Mr Lesite Thomas, author, 59; Miss Fanny Waterauthor, 59: Miss Fanny Water man, concert pianist and teacher, 70; Miss Priscilla Yates, a director, Royal Academy of Dancing, 43.

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O Lord you have atways been our home. Before you created the hims or brought the world into being. You were eternally God, and will

BIRTHS

BARKHAM - On March 11th. to Edry's (nee Lupprian) and Simon, a son. Benjamin Henry, a brother for Jack

MARCH TON - On Monday March 1904, to Sophy Cate Perkins) and James, a son. Jake Stoele. Jake Stoele.

BUNTON-STEWART - On March 16th 1990 at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Elizabeth (née Gleave) and James, a son, Josh Thomas.

EVERETT - On March 14th, to Sara (née Brogge) and Mark a daughter, Natasha Fiona. FRASER - On March 14th, at kingston Hospital, to Lin (née Blair) and Allan,

(nós Bizir) and Allap, a daughter, Rebecca Chios, a sister for Kirsty. Atways remembering Emily. remembering Emily, especially today, especially today, egostrytral-JONES - On March 20th, at Queen Chariotte's Hospital, to Camilla (née Howard) and Muw. a daughter, Eleanor Frances Mary Filot.

MARY EMOL.
JOHNSON - On March 19th, at
The Counters of Chester
Hookial, is Avril and Bill, a
daughter, Grace Entitle, a
sister for Oliver and Harriet. sister for Oliver and Harriet, JOHNSTON - On March 1st, at The Portland Hospital, to Jackle (nde Stephescon) and Alexander, a son, George Frederick, a brother for Mark.

MERICA - On March 12th, in Deirdre (née Boyle) and Henry, a daughter, Dunielle Harrist. LEVINE - On March 12th. In Germany, to Amanda (née Findlay) and Jaremy, a son, Edward Henry James. Edward Henry James.

MARON - On March 19th, at
Guy's Hospital, to Sharon
(née Power) and Robert, a
decohier. Fleer Victoria
Kata, a sister for Andrew. MOSSOP - On March 19th, in Annie (née Kimpton) and Guy, a sister for Georgina and Otivia.

PFLAUM - On March 14th, to Karby and Rick, a daughter. Thea, a sister for Julia and Dominic. RAFALOWSKA-PANTER - On RAFALOWSKA-PARTUE - On Salmiday March 17th 1990. at King's College Hospital. In Spelin and Mark, a son. Samuel (Sam) Andrew, a cousin for Richard and Alexander, a grandom for Isobel, Audrey and Jan.

RENTOUL. - On March 20th, in Tesse (née Lathard) and Alex (James), a daughbir, Rebocca Katherine. SEWARD - On March 17th, in Linda and Robert, a daughter, Emily Ann, a sister for Alysson. SLATER - On March 18th, in Taunton, to Sarah and Patrick, a son,

Patrick, a son.

SMART - On March 6th, to Rona (née Shiach) and David, a daughter, Charlotte Rosa Shiach Shart, at Humana Hosaltai, Wellimpton, Stillmerts - On March 17th, to Jane (née McDonaid) and John, a son, James Pairick, Transible - On March 13th 1990, in Kutherine Onje Sargen) and Charles, a son, Benjamin Edward and a daughter, Polity Louisa, at the Women's College Hospital, Toronio.

WESTBURY - On March 8th. to Laura (née Giordani) and Jonathan, a daughter Isabelle Mary Geraldine,

· MARRIAGES

marriage took place March 21st 1990. Catherine Sedgemore Massid Mori, in Japan.

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DEATHS ALLM - On Idarch 12th 1990. pencefully. Percy William May, aget 85 years, former Surveyor General of Northern Rhodesia, latterty of Thorborough, 9A Old Howick Road, Pictermariz-burg, blatal, South Africa. Dourny loved husband of Patricia, father and father-in law in Possited and Julian. Adde and Tony. Linds and Grabain, grandfather to Gabriella, Nicoletta, Stafford

Vanesse, San. Justine. Brandon, Paul and Lloyd. Remembered with love. PROWN - On March 20th,
peacefully at Consewood,
Englanding, Stockton-onTens, Margaret Eitzabeth,
doubt level wife of the late
Major William Reid Brown Major William Rest pro-U.S.O. and degreed mother of Jacquetine and Daptine Service in All Saints Church. Englardiffe. Monday March 26th at 12 noon, prior to interment at Englasciliffe Churchyard.

Churchyard.

BROWN - On March 19th, peacchilly at Peterborough, Peter Beale Harold, in his 38th year. Dearly loved husband of the late Janet Alice and much towed nuther, grandfalter and greal-grand-father. Funeral at Albert Minn Chapel, Kettering Crematorium, on Tuesday March 27th al 12 noon. Family Hewers only please.

MARCH 22

Bhowwards - On March 20th
1990. suddenly but
peacefully at home. Rhona.
loving wife of the late LL
Commander J.G.P.
Brownrigs, Royal Navy and
much loved mother. mother
in-law and grandmother.
Service at St Michael and All
Abgels

PAWERE - On March 21st
1990. Horace Duncin
(Peter), beloved huber-in-law,
grandfather and greatgrandfather, No flowers and
please, no letters.

Service at 6f Michael and Ali
Abgels
Church.
Helenghargh, on Friday
March 23rd at 12 noon, to
which all friends are invited.
Funeral thereafter private.
CARELL - On March 20th,
precefully at home in Kest,
after a short limess. Patrics
Richard Cahill C.R.E.,
beloved husband of Mary
and father of John.
Crampion at Putney Vale
Crempton at Putney Vale
Crempton, Kingston
Road, Putney, at 11.45 on
Monday March 26th, Family
flowers only to Ashlen's, 221 Nowers only to Ashton's, 221 Upper Richmond Road, Putney SW15,

Putney SW15,
GARPENTER - On March
20th, peacefully in Norfolk,
Hilds Mariorie Trevor, aged
90, widow of Gerald and
beloved mother of Patrick
and Jon, Private cremation,
Family flowers only please,
Donations to Age Concern,
Ashes Internent Service 3
pm Sunday April 1st,
Hawstead Church,
GLEGG-On March 20th 1990,
peacefully with his family,
Joseph Neville (Bill) aged 84.
Private funeral service,
Memorial Service at Holy
Trinity, Bembridge, at 12
noon on Friday April 6th.
GOWELL - On March 15th, in COWELL - On March 13th, in Sao Paulo, peacefully after fighting a long filness with great courage, Christopher,

beloved husband of Marisolita and very dear father of Anna, Dominic and Churlotte. Son of the late Phyllis and Edmund and brother of Adrian. Funeral look place on March 16th to Brazil. He will be greatly

O1-607 2920.

CHRENEGHAM = On March
20th, Peacefully at Bernard's
Gaiz. Chichester. Geraldine
(Boo), aged 93. Beloved wife
of the late Tec. much lovad
mother of Mona and the late
Pevil. John Cumingham,
mother-in-law of Sylvin,
grandmother and greatgrandmother.
Private
cremation. Fumily flowers
only. If desired donations to
St. Willrid's Hoopte.
Chichester. Thanksgiving
Service at Soundingdale to be
arranged later.

Cricicists. Transistiving Service at Summingdale to be arranged later.

DEREY - On March 19th, Isobet, Counters of Derby. Funeral private, 11.15 am Friday March 23rd at St Mary's, Knowsley, 2006. Funeral private, 11.15 am Friday March 23rd at St Mary's, Knowsley, 2006. Funeral private, 12rd at St Mary's, Knowsley, 2006. Funeral David, brother of Jonatham, Nicholas. Emma and James, 2006. Funeral David, brother of Jonatham, Nicholas. Emma and James, 2007. Funeral David, brother of Jonatham, Nicholas. Emma and James, 2007. Funeral James, 2007. Funeral James, 2007. Funeral Month and Can. Enguiries to Rodwells, 2007. Funeral Services, tel: (0394) 284144. [SUMPHREYS - On March 20th, peacefully at home after a long illness bravely borne. Elisabeth, dearly loved wife of Robin, Funeral Service at Golders Green. Cremalorium (East Chapel), on Monday March 26th at 2.50 pm, Flowers may be sent to Leverton and Sons Ltd., 624 Finchley Road, Golders Green, NWII.

LYNG - On March 18th, 18th,

MACKINTOSH - On March MACKENTOSH - On March 20th, peacefully after a courageous fight, Brenda, beloved wife of Augus and mother of Robert, Alexander and William, Elder daughter of Mrs. and the late Clement Spencer-Thomas, Funeral at St Katharine's Church, East Woodlands, Tuesday March

27th at 2.30 pm.

PIANNERS - On March 20th.

Errol Adrian Sherard. 29ed

70. Loving and greatly loved
nusband of Jane. father of
Elizabeth. Heantetta, James.

Rachel, Nick and Lucy and
guardian of Martin and
John. Funeral Service at
West Meon Parish Church.

on Friday March 50th at 5
pm. No flowers please, but
donations if desired to The
Muscular Dystrophy Group.

c/o John Steel & Son. Chesil
House. Winchester.

MAYS. SAUTTH - On March

c/o John Steel & Son. Chesil House. Winchester.

MAYS-SMITH - On March 21st 1990. Brenda, aged 86. pracefully at Brendoncare. Provileid. Widow of Robin and much loved mother of Martin and Alan. Cremation private. Memorial Service at iden Church, near five. East Sussex. on Monday April 30th at 2.30 pm No flowers. but donations to Brendoncare. Frontield. Martborough. Wilts.

MOODY - On March 18th 1990. In the early hours of Sunday, Mins Marcher of Sunday, Mins Marcher C. Moody, in her 90th year, peacefully at a nursing home at Lound, Suffolk Eldest daughter of the former Alice and Montague Moody, of The Bourne. Widford, Herts, and dear sister of Dorent Hamilton (nice Moody). Cremation Service will be held at Gorieston Crematorium on Tuesday March 27th at 2 pm. Family Howers only, denations in memory to R.S.P.B.. The Lodge, Sandy, Beds.

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an 12-30 per our same only at Brookwood censtery. Pales, near Wolzag, Surray. Condolesses are accepted at the decessed home at 17 Princes Gase Cours, Eshibition Road, London SW7 after the fineral and on Friday and Saturday from 4.00 pea.

May he rest io peace.

AW Society Finals Course 1990-91 London place wanted to ex-change for Chester, Tel: 0734 507784 after 6pm.

BOGERS - REEL-WEBE: The marriage took place oo Sat-griday 17th March, between Robin Ropers and Shona Rees-Webbe at Hoty Trinity Church. Weston Lullingfields. Dr. Charles Machaerth-Vorma was the

Lultingfields. Dr. Charles Mackworth-Young was the best man, and Master James Rogers and Miss Alexandra Shuttleworth were in attendance. The honeymoon will be spent on the way in Sudney, Australia where the couple will spend in a next few years.

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RAPER - On March 19th, in Tervaren, we elegham. Margaret, widow of W.A. Raper and R.P. Mills and mother of Nichola. Anthony and James. Family funeral in Brussels on Thursday March 22nd. No flowers. but donations if desired to St. Michael's Hospics. Hastings. Michael's Hospics. Hastings. ROBERTSON - On Friday March 16th 1990, at Park Lodge. Binfield, in her 85th year, after a long and Courapeous struggle. Beatrice Ann. widow of W.T. (Wilke) Robertson. another of Struan and grandmother of Struan and Bethamy. Cremation at Easthampstead Park Crematorium. Brackoeff, on Friday March 25d at 2.30 pm. RAPER - On March 19th, in

ROTHESCHALD - On March 20th 1990, suddenly in London. Lord Rothschild. beloved busband of Tess.

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In the absence of help from the dictionary, The Times essayed its own definition of braderie - o beans.

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from cutlery to kisses is going cheap.

have there been such bergains! Sedate shopksepera, clad in old Provencal dress, standing in their doorways spologetically urbane, accepting compliments and chaff from the throng without, explaining through the dun of a loud-speaker yelling opera within the shop, that in sometimes be sacrificed.

the cause of commerce dignity must Down the paved market-place, under the pollarded planes, round the fountain, in and out omong the stalls. and down the streets so narrow that lovers leaning from windows could steel a kiss across them, dances a scarlet shawled young girl. Her feet io their red shoes guily keep time with the mandolines played by her attendant squires, in red bereis. scarlet relour waistcoats, white lawn shirts, and white knee breeches and stockings. As she flusts along, she sings the song of the Broderse, and

ON THIS DAY behind her hurry the youth of Grasse, eager to win even one glance from

> archway, and the tinkle of the mandolines is drowned in the blare of mixed music vibrating in wireless waves from Rome, Paris, Lyons and Juan-les-Pins. Children in Provençal costume caper and dodge about the streets excitedly. Cars of visitors wind slowly in and out among the crowd of laughing peasants. A laughing line of girls, running along with arms inter-linked, suddenly swerve from the pavement to encircle some handsome

those dark eyes, one smile from those white teeth. She vanishes under an

boy, who gains his freedom by payment of a kiss all round. Kisses are cheap to-day! Ice on brade! A stout female of Italian breed leans from her perfumery shop to spray unwary revellers with scent pressed from the jasmin flowers grown in the fields of Grasse. She herself is a walking pestilence, for she has soaked her ample person with essential oils of every blossom whose

perfume she is selling - and her dejeuner was seasoned with garlic. Every one is sending telegrams to say that they will not be home for dinner. Wy should they leave this paredise in Provence just at its loveliest hour? Far better to drive a little way out of the town towards Magagnose, leaving the revelry far below. There, the stillness broken only by the sound of the Angelus ringing out into the evening air and the rushing of little mountain streams, one can watch the sky paling from orange to rose merging into a translucent green flecked with cirrus clouds like flying flamingoes. The mountain of Grasse slowly throws a cloak of amethyst over her shoulders and dons her necklace of sparkling lighte as she sits and gazes across the plains of olive trees and fragrant flower fields to the long line

of the Esterels and the misty sea.

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magnate, killed in an air crash, New Mexico, 1958. The battleships Victoria and Camperdown collided off Tripoli, Syria with a loss of 338 lives, 1893.

Lecture Angle-Changian Society Brigadier G. Blakey, Patron of the Society, will preside at a lecture delivered by Mr Arthur Wyatt, CMG, formerly British High Commissioner to Ghana, entitled The Ghana Economic Recovery Standard Chartered Bank, Barclays Bank, Macair Cargo Ltd.

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The T. E. Utley Memorial Fund will award a £5,000 prize to the journalist aged under 35 who, in the opinion of the judges, has published the most distinguished political commentary during pages.

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and Lord Wyatt of Weeford.

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THE ARTS

War and a windbag

TELEVISION Sheridan Morley

What with a remake of A Guy Named Joe about to open in the cinema (see review of Always, opposite), the recent series of plays at the Lyric Hammersmith, and the beginning last night of Never Come Back on BBC 2, it is clear that 1990 will be a vintage year for long-lost scripts about murderous London life in the Second World War. Set in the phoney war, John Mair's thriller about a hack journalist (Nathaniel Parker) getting caught up in a bewilderingly sudden romance followed by death, had about it a perfect period quality, suggesting yet again that the BBC drama department is at its best when recreating with deadly accuracy the posters and broadcasting, the apparel and

apparatus of an age when menace was literally in the air. On BBC 1, Dr Jonathan Miller for QED gave this year's Benny Hill lecture on the medical and psychological significance of the giggle and the guffaw, so uncannily illustrating the difference between the Miller of today and the comie

At the time of Beyond the Fringe, Miller as a professor holding forth to an audience about what he solemnly described as "the cognitive achievement which we call the sense of humour would have been considered one of his better sketches, alongside the one about the man misplacing his trousers on the Central Line and the one about the Great Train Robbery involving no actual loss

But 30 years on, this was no joke: here was Miller in non-selfparodie form, his elbows still un by his eartholes, yet apparently seeing nothing funny about a man trying to explain humour to an audience which appeared to think of it as a curious medical

At a time when, as Sunday's BAFTA awards shamefully established, The South Bank Show has become unfashionable among the thinking classes, and the BBC has still to come up with a credible alternative, it seems more and more idiotie of Michael Grade at Channel 4 to be closing down

Indeed if BBC 2 has any sense at all, it will pick it up just as it has rightly taken What the Papers Say from Grade's out-tray. Last night's programme considered some victims of glasnost: thriller-writers in search of new villains now that the KGB has turned pussycat. Characteristically, it did a cracking good job.

and-raisers in the arts are divided over the implica-tions of the Budget's "gift aid" proposals. These will allow, for the first time, tax relief on one-off charitable donations of between £600 and £5 million.

It will immediately benefit organizations, such as the Royal Opera House, which already receive substantial "no strings attached" gifts. These will now be enlarged by tax relief. Ewen Balfour, the ROH director of public relations, says that "a substantial proportion of the £5.5 million we raise from private sources comes from individuals, rather than sponsorship. Now these will be worth considerably more - provided that we can persuade donors to maintain the same levels of giving. When we are talking at the level of Mrs Jean Sainsbury's £1 million donation,

Ride on Major's galloping gift horse Richard Morrison on what Tuesday's Budget means for professional fund-raisers in the arts

the tax relief would obviously make a considerable difference." It will also benefit organizations that have "capital" projects. Sally Mason, of the Victoria and Albert Museum, commented: "The tax relief will be immensely valuable when we have a gift covering some major expenditure, such as the refurbishment of a gallery."

On the other hand, normal arts sponsorship by firms (currently running at around £15 million a year in Britain) will not benefit, because it would be counted by the Inland Revenue as a business deal, with benefits accruing to both

sides. According to Niebola Pritchett-Brown, sponsorship manager of the Royal Phil-harmonic Orchestra: To qualify for the new tax relief, a donation must not be for services rendered, such as programme credits for a sponsor, or tickets provided. That rules out most of the RPO's

Nevertheless, Caroline Kay, of the Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts, wel-comed the "gift aid" proposal. "It opens up the possibility of corporate giving on a charitable, rather than commercial, basis.

Before, it was hardly worth knocking on that particular door." Kay says that the Inland Revenue must now decide where to draw the line between a "listing" of a donation gratefully received, and "publicity" for a sponsor.

If the Budget proposal triggers off a spate of arts donations by individuals, the Arts Council and the Museums and Galleries Commission will claim some credit. They jointly commissioned research from the chartered accountants, Tonche Ross, into incentives that could encourage private arts funding. The results were presented to the Treasury. We were aware that in the United States 80 per cent of private arts support comes from individuals rather than companies," says Monica Tross, an Arts Council marketing director. "In Britain we found that, while there was broad use of covenant schemes, there needed to be a tax-relief mechanism covering one-off gifts." The Arts Council has expressed itself

'delighted" by the Budget. So will the Budget mean that arts organizations spend more time seeking private gifts? That is the way forward signalled by Peter

Palumbo, the Arts Council's chairman. But John Willan, managing director of the London Philharmonic, has mixed feelings, "We would be stupid not to give it a go. At present, private donations to the London Philharmonic are very few, though they are grate-fully received. Perhaps they will increase if the as long as it hurts the Inland Revenue' mentality

comes into operation. "But I don't think we will ever reach American levels. They have a whole history of giving, and Americans are easily swayed. Look at what the television evangelists achieve. Moreover, there is a tradition of supporting, say, the big American orchestras as a conspicuous, social obligation to your community. With the plethora of arts organizations in London, such a situation could never become possible here."

Debra Craine on the latest adaptation, a dance version, of Ibsen's Peer Gynt

eaps of imagination

performance, Peer Gynt is doing rather well in London these days. A new production at the Royal National Theatre opened last month, and on Tuesday a modern dance version of Peer Gynt receives its world. premiere when Arc Dance Company opens a three-night run at The Place

Ibsen created his sprawling Nordic tale as a verse play, to be read as poetry and not to be acted before a live audience. Yet the dramatie potential inherent in his surrealist fantasy proved irresistible to the theatre, and in 1876 he was persuaded to revise Peer Gynt for the stage. Three years ago, the American choreographer John Neumeier used it as the subject of a fulllength ballet for his Hamburg company.

The Danish choreographer Kim Brandstrup, responsible for Arc's version, says: "It's a gut reaction, initially, that brings me to Peer Gynt. 1 know the material so well from my childhood: it's been some-thing that I haven't questioned as a statement of anything, of morals or nonmorals. Of course it's a moralistic tale, that I can see, but that's not what sparks me off.
It's the smell, the sound and a feeling of knowing those characters."

In Arc's version, peasants re-enact the story of the folk hero Peer Gynt, who represents the myth of the one who could do all the things they could only dream about. Whereas the National's production runs for over three bours, Brandstrup has condensed the saga of the Norwegian Everyman into 70 minutes, and instead of Grieg's original picturesque incidental music there is a commisssioned, strongly rhythmic score by Ian Dearden and Sarah

Freed from the literalism of the text, Brandstrup is able to distil his hero's journey of self-discovery without the exotic settings - the troll cave, the Cairo madhouse and the Sahara desert - that make the play so difficult to stage

or a play never intended for convincingly. In any case, dance as a performance, Peer Gynt is doing medium is better suited to the play's leaps of imagination and its cinema-like scenecutting, which takes Peer from farmhouse to mountaintop to Africa to North Sea

shipwreck in an instant. The choreographer's approach is to emphasize contrast, setting the tale-telling Peer apart from the drab real world he so reluctantly inhabits. "The play has a light proclamatory style which all the characters share, but here I make Peer Gynt the one that has that style; the surroundings are much darker. That, of course, is my

experience of a very strict Protestant society in Scandinavia."

Is Peer a tragic figure? "He's a mixture. He's very forceful and very full of life, but he doesn't know what reality is, and that is tragic. But then, as human beings it's all we've got, our imaginary world."

As with Peer, so with Brandstrup: creating imaginary worlds is what he is all about ("I want suddenly to become witness to another universe"), and it is also what distinguishes him from many of his contemporaries. The abstractions of post-modern choreography do not interest him. "There's nothing abstract about human beings. If you put two human beings on stage, a drama starts." He believes contemporary choreo-

graphers went wrong when they rejected the search for imaginary character. "I think the shortcoming of all the contemporary choreographers has been that what they did was reduced to style, and ultimately became cloning. You had everybody moving like the master, like Merce Cunningham or Martha Graham, so that the actual expression of what should be the character becomes a

Using narrative makes Brandstrup's work more accessible to audiences, a fact which has not escaped The Place's director, John Ashford. He commissioned Peer Gynt for his Spring Loaded season of contemporary dance. Ashford, who says

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novel by Christopher Lillicrap and Mike Fields, the underdog is a village team that fields a milkman

as goalie, the vicar as a nimble

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ing of all the companies in his season,

believes narrative is making a comeback. "We have moved through a period of abstraction, which has mirrored a period of abstraction in the fine arts in the postwar period," he says. "Then you get a return to narrative as a reaction to the abstraction, and that's exactly what's happening in dance. Going to an abstract work is like listening to a symphony, whereas going to see *Peer Gynt* is much more like going to the theatre."

randstrup's most recent other work, Orfeo, based on the myth of Orpheus and Eurydice, has just won an Olivier nomination for London Contemporary Dance Theatre. The Dybbuk, his next piece for LCDT (to be seen at The Place in April), is about the exorcism of a young Jewish woman possessed by the soul of her

Serious stuff; yet this soft-spoken 33-year-old from Copenhagen, formerly a film student, laughingly dismisses the tag of Depressed Dane. "Life is full of very dark things and full of wonderful things."

One of those wonderful things would be money, but he refuses to be defeated by the fact that the Arts Council recently rejected Arc's application for a £20,000 grant to take Peer Gynt on a British tour. A spokeswoman said that the Council's advisers "did not consider the company a priority". Perhaps Brandstrup's narrative style is out of favour with the prevailing orthodoxy in arts funding. "Of course you get hurt, but you can't let

that burt drive your artistic vision. Yes, I'm very poor but I've always been poor,

Arc is now looking for private sponsor-ship to fund the British tour. But whatever happens, Brandstrup's Peer Gunt will tons Scandinavia in September when it will visit Ibsen's home theatre, the National Theatre in Oslo, as part of a festival



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Gleefal: Karen Davies (left) and Justine Midda as football supporters

ball": every defender also an attacker, every attacker a defender. But never mind the technical stuff. The Sinderby engine is really fuelled by pluck, fair play and highminded disdain for sponsors, television interviewers and other such supposed leeches.

rustics as supporters, how can they possibly fail to see off overdog after overdog once they have entered the FA Cup? ful at avoiding repetition and a certain cuteness. When the plot Leeds, Manchester United and Aston Villa are only some of the monsters felled by the buttercup-shirted lads of Steeple Sinderby, like the Luftwaffe by the Few. It is nominally achieved by a system which the authors show being invented by an immigrant Hungarian, a Balogh or Kaldor of the terraces. This seems largely to consist of what the cognoscenti would nowadays call "total foot-

two-woman cast on a stage furnished with little but a rough table and a few benches. The most vivid presence is undoubtedly Phil Croft's blunt, brusque chairman, effortlessly crushing every opponent including a some television celebrity in a neon bow-tie; but Somehow the authors manage everyone else in Mike Fields's to prevent this wishful tribute to English amateurism becoming pi production hops happily enough from part to part, sometimes crossing the gender-barrier as they or priggish. They are less success-

They give us scenes in locker-room, village street, church hall consists of improbable triumph after improbable triumph, it is of course tempting to vary things by introducing a plodding local and even graveyard, everywhere except on the playing field itself. Excited commentary stands in for the games themselves, which would be just as well, even if it were not technically inevitable. Victories like those of Steeple bobby or another more or less lovable rural eccentric. But there are times when one wishes the humour was a little less selfindulgent and self-congratulatory. Sinderby are best left to the Still, it is difficult to resist the play, performed as it is with infectious glee by its five-man, schoolboy or schoolgirl who credulously dreams in most of our

Blues that haunt the memory

In his last play, The Astronomer's Garden, Kevin Hood launched an imaginative raid on the early 18th century and came back with an entertaining costume drama spiced with some big ideas about science, rationality and male and female principles. He has moved forward to the 1940s for an exploration of a world where big emotions rather than big ideas hold sway - the New York jazz

This is rather treacherous ground, not just because it has been extensively recreated in such films as Tavernier's 'Round Midnight and Eastwood's Bird, but also because of an inherent tendency towards maudlin self pity. But Hood comes out of it pretty well, with an arresting piece which manages to seem neither derivative nor self-indulgent.

He has the excellent idea of starting with a most unlikely eharacter - a Geordie brickie and amateur sax player, Bernie, whose life has been changed by one of the

Harry Eyres

Sugar Hill Blues Croydon Warehouse

great New York jazzmen, the blind Lewis. Bernie (a splendidly raw-boned, urgent performance by Simon Slater) sends off home-made records to Lewis, then takes the plunge by giving up his job and getting a passage washing dishes on the Queen Mary. On board he meets a disillusioned cabaret singer, Jennifer, a well-born Shropshire lass heartbroken by her lover's death in the war. Liza Sadovy is perfect in this part, sporting elbow-length gloves and insincere gestures and expressing tunnel expectation in every feature. Stefan Bednarczyk plays (in both senses) her snide accompanist with great skill.

If the scenes set in New York do not have quite the same authenticity, that is not the fault of the actors. Okon Jones is strong and charismatic as Lewis, the troubled son of a fundamentalist pastor who, when we see him, has hocked his born and retreated into introspection. Pauline Black does wonders with the underwritten part of his pregnant girlfriend Elaine. It is just that, where with the English characters Hood can suggest conflicts of class and sex through nuasces of speech and behaviour,

with the Americans he must spell them out over-schematically. In the end this is a piece about two worlds — the world of English irony and the world of negro blues - which never quite connect; and so the second half, a series of meetings between Bernie and Jennifer and Lewis and Elaine, lacks the momentum of

The cast is magnificent and Ted Craig's direction makes the most of a thoroughly enjoyable play, which ought to follow its predecessor's example by transferring

RECITAL Noël Goodwin

Geoffrey Bush tribute Wigmore Hall

Graham Johnson, the pianist and deft compiler of this and indeed all the Songmakers' Almanac programmes, is right to deplore the lack of present interest in the writing and performing of classical English song. But I am not sure when he expected us to absorb his three large, closely-typed pages about it, to which he added a space of the state of spoken commentary from the

The occasion was a birthday tribute to Geoffrey Bush, 70 next Friday, who nicely returned the compliment with a new song-cycle, Song of the Zodiac. Subtitled "Twelve Variations", these are settings of zodiacal poems by David Gascoyne, a friend of Bush's since they were at school together. They were divided equally between the soprano, tenor and baritone of three singers whose vocal artistry is rooted in

verbal perception: Lillian Watson Anthony Rolfe Johnson and Henry Herford respectively.

Bush has always been a tonal composer, with a predilection for vocal music, in which, as his new songs again demonstrate, his invention is capable of giving English words a musical substance of colour as well as charm, spirit as well as sentiment.

These and a group of his individual songs - in which he showed himself no more afraid of Virginia Woolf in prose than of Shakespeare or Ben Jonson in poetry - were gracefully put into the context of an immediate heritage of English song, repre-sented by Parry, Stanford and Ireland, as well as some dimmer Victorian figures such as Maude Valerie White, Arthur Goring Thomas and Edward Loder.

Bush has himself expressed the view that such 19th-century composers deserve rehabilitation, and the engaging candour of the performers in treating them with as much sentiment or simplicity as their music requires shone some brief illumination into this musical curiosity corner.

The gags come off

Barry Millington

OPERA

Un giorno di regno Bloomsbury

University College Opera, which celebrates its 40th anniversary next year, has a splendid track record of digging into neglected corners of the repertory. This year the offering is the rarely heard Un giorno di regno (King for a Day), Verdi's second opera, composed

Verdi was obliged to fulfil the commission for this comic opera even though he had just suffered the bitter loss of his wife, Margherita Barezzi, married only four years before. The fiasco that resulted at the premiere would seem to be attributable largely to the inadequate performance. Certainly Verdi's invention was unflagging and there is no sign that his heart was not in it.

Terry John Bates's production for UCO (designed by Clive Lavagna) is after the manner of a Mel Brooks movie, with a large number of successful gags easily outstripping those that do not quite come off. Several members of the cast have a natural aptitude for this kind of thing. Richard Lloyd Morgan gives a delightful performance (excellently sung, too) as the Chevalier di Belfiore, called upon to pose as his monarch for a day, and revelling in the trappings of power to which he is clearly unaccustomed. Graham Stone as the Treasurer has a nice line in smiles that freeze on the face and grimaces to which other characters are not privy.

Sometimes, too, there is a gentle guying of the conventions, a game that can be easily overplayed, but which works well here in the duet for the bickering Giulietta and Edoardo (stylisbly sung by Jenny Miller and Murray Kimmins, the latter once or twice running into vocal production difficulties

One of the two or three memorable arias is given to the Marchioness del Poggio and is beautifully taken by Tizzie Dennett. Otherwise the best music is in the ensembles, which fizz and sparkle under Christopber Fifield's direction, even if the cracking tempos he sets some-times has the student orchestra floundering.

There are two more opportunities, on Friday and Saturday, to catch this enjoyable production.-



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David Robinson reviews Always, A City of Sadness, Strapless, Tango and Cash, Rude Awakening, Judgment in Berlin and Abel

Spielberg takes a flyer on nostalgia

teven Spielberg's gift for anticipating popular taste has rarely failed him, so there must be a good reason for remaking a popular success of nearly 50 years ago. A Guy Named Joe, written by Dalton Trumbo and directed by Victor Fleming, was made in 1943, and had Spencer Tracy as the ghost of a pilot killed io action, who gives spiritual guidance to an inexperienced flier with whom his own bereaved girl falls in love.

The only major change in Spielberg's Always (PG, Plaza 1) is in bring the story up to the present, setting it among pilots who fight forest fires. The Spencer Tracy role is taken over by Richard Dreyfuss; the girl, orig-inally Irene Dunne, is Holly Hunter. Brad Johnson, as the young pilot, is a lumbering cowboy type, whose faux pas and execrable John Wayne impersonations are winning.

Audrey Hepburn, charming as ever, is the cheery guardian of a rather wishy-washy world beyond, carpeted with wilting daisies. The 1943 version of beaven had Lionel Barrymore as its crusty C-in-C. A sense of the past pervades the

film. Perhaps it comes from hangovers of the original dialogue and sentiment; or the use of

Hsiao-hsieo as the main cinematic talent to emerge in

It is a demanding and difficult film for Western audiences, very

far from his endearing Summer at

The film sets out to recreate,

through the saga of one family, the

whole plagued post-war history of the island of Taiwan - succes-

sively, liberation from Japanese

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of the complex political back-

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close application from the viewer.

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To follow all the extended

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t the Venice Film Festi-

val last year, A City of Sedness won the main prize, confirming Hou

antiquated Second World War 'planes; or "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes", which is the theme song. The original used "I'll Get By" Spielberg wanted "Always", but was apparently refused by the Irving Berlin estate.

Io 1943, this story of life, love and sacrifice continuing cheerfully after death - with a special exhortation not to let fidelity to the dead inhibit relationships with the living - found a natural response in a wartime public. Spielberg has frequently set out to exorcize our most deep and secret common fears; and death after all is the ultimate fear, in or out of war. Perhaps Aids, too, has brought death closer to the experi-

ence of young people.

Spielberg disarms most misgiv ings about the sentiment with his skill as entertainer. There is a persistent leavening of robust comedy, mostly provided by burly John Goodman in the old Ward Bood part.

The film certainly surpasses the original when it comes to the flying scenes, which are spectacular, unremittingly exciting and with a clarity of action rare in aviation dramas. The forest fires were partly filmed during the catastrophic 1988 conflagrations in Yellowstooe National Park.



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Acting under 'the will of heaven'

mentary - are beautifully played and compellingly charming.

The director writes that he wanted "to capture on film how men act under 'the will of heaven'", and this he achieves, with a wealth of detail and some memorable scenes both of violence and sentiment.

He has created a style to suit his epie subject the film is largely filmed in wide shots, in uncut tableau scenes skilfully photographed to focus on the multiple action going on in different parts of the set. It is sometimes hard going, perhaps, but rewards the

Strapless (15, Curzon West End) sounds like a saucy Forties revue, but is in fact a new David Hare study of a woman in search of commitment. Dr Lilliao Hempel (Blair Brown) is a 40year-old American doctor, working in a fund-starved NHS hospital in London. Her feckless, slobbish younger sister (Bridget Fonda) has moved into her flat and disrupted her life.

On holiday in Portugal, she meets a seemingly rich but very mysterious stranger (Bruno Ganz), who whirls her into a latelife romantic liaisoo - which anyone else might predict will lead to no good.

The style of the film is realistic; but neither the characters nor the events have much relation to reality; and everyone in the story behaves in a strangely discon-nected way. There is, too, a sense of contrivance in the pat, morally instructive confrootations of birth and death, the sister's reformation, the beroine's last-reel discovery of strength to surmount her private troobles and commit herself to social action, and the eventual explanation of the unsubtle imagery cootained in the film's title.

Andrei Konchalovsky has travelled a long road from his Russian youth (writing Ivan's Childhood and Andrei Rublev with Andrei Tarkovsky) to Tango and Cash (15, Warner West End, Cannons Haymarket, Oxford Street), a lowlevel formula cop movie, notable only for teaming Sylvester Stallone and Kurt Russell as the refuctant buddies who crack the drug gangsters. Stallone affects spectacles, sharp suits and a lighter personality, with several smart ooe-liners and jokey references to his own films.

Rude Awakening (15, Odeon Marble Arch), directed by David Greenwalt and Aaron Mason, is a good-natured comedy about a couple of Rip Van Winkle hippies

the wilds of South America, to find their old companions corrupted by the yuppie materialism of the Eighties.

Eric Roberts - a fine actor who never quite makes the star parts gives a good tragi-comie perfor-mance as the one who still believes in the old idealism. Cheech Marin is his permanently stoned sidekick, and there are nice character bits from Buck Henry and Louise

Recent history has rather overtaken Judgment in Berlin (PG, Cannoo Tottenham Court Road). Set in the late Seventies, it is about the trial in West Germany of a young East German, desperate to emigrate, who has hijacked a Polish plane and forced it to land in West Berlin - to the great satisfaction of many of his fellowpassengers.

The script is adapted from a book by the actual trial judge, and appears to be based on fact—which may explain why the complex legal manoeuvres of the court-room scenes which dominate the film are intriguing but oot very dramatic.

Judge (Martin Sheen) and verbose defence counsel (Sam Wanamaker) battle to frustrate the political efforts of both Western and Eastern blocs to engineer a conviction. The performances are good, with Sean Penn's brief scene as a student defector outstanding. The film is directed, at best serviceably, by Penn's father, Leo

Abel (15, Metro) is an anarchic absurdist and very winning Dutch farce, written and directed by Alex Van Warmerdam, who also plays the lead role of the grown-up spoilt brat who refuses to go outside the door of his parents' apartment. The comedy lies in Abel's

vicious manipulation of his par-ents; and is good fun until it runs out of steam after the first hour.

A killing for Curtis

VIDEO BOX Geoff Brown

A weekly selection of films recently re-leased on video. The year refers to the date of first release or, in the case of television films, of first broadcast.

THE BOSTON STRANGLER (CBS/Fox, 18): Director Richard Fleischer's split-screen antics were not made for video, but the film is saved by Tony Curtis's eerle performance as the schizophrenic killer and the exciting para-phernalia of a big-city manhunt,

COBRA VERDE (Palace, PG) Klaus Kinski as a disgruntled South American rancher who takes his revenue through banditry. A pale copy of Werner Herzog's earlier exercises in adventure, jungle fever and visionary dreams. 1988. GIRL ON A MOTORCYCLE (Castle, 18): Near-legendary tosh from 1968, with Marianne Faithfull tightly wrapped in black leather speeding down highways for a meeting with love and death.

HALLOWEEN 4: THE RETURN OF MICHAEL MYERS (Braveworld, 18): Psychiatrist Donald Pleasar battling the psychotic killer ac-curately described as "Evil on two legs". Plodding fare for the gore brigade. 1989.

HIDER IN THE HOUSE (Vestron, 18): Stale and tedious psychologi-cai thriller, though Gary Busey tries hard to please as the madman se-creted in the attic of a renovated house. 1989.

QUEEN OF HEARTS (MGM/UA. PG): Family life among London's talian community, seen through a young boy's eyes. First cinema feature of considerable charm by director John Amiel (best-know for The Singing Detective and other TV classics). 1989.

THE RAINBOW (Vestron, 15): Ken Russell returns to his old stamping ground - D H Lawrence - after a tiresoma run of Gothic nightmares Soberly handled, beautifully mounted, though Sammi Davis is a bit stretched as the teenager questing passionately for sexual liberty and independence. 1989. THE STAN LAUREL CENTENARY COLLECTION (Virgin Vision, U): Fascinating group of four Hal Roach shorts from the pre-Hardy days when Lauret was less of a dunderhead, and more a dashing young man about town. WILT (Guild, 15): Modestly

successful version of Tom Sharpe's comic novel, set in the dingy provinces, Griff Rhys Jones cuts a nimble figure as the sardonic university teacher set up for a mur-der; Mel Smith mugs too much as the crass investigating detective.

David Robinson talks to Sir Richard Attenborough about his film Cry Freedom, now being officially released in South Africa, three years after the rest of the world

Freedom has merely been delayed

Richard Attenborough's film Cry Freedom will at last he officially released io South Africa. At the same time it goes on video

release in this country.
"As a historical fact," Sir Richard recalls, "it did actually open in South Africa io 1987. We applied for permission to show the film, and for six mooths were passed from one department to another. But no one would make a decision. So the distributors, UIP, went ahead and announced the

Then the censorship board passed it, though it had still oot received formal approval. Fortyeight hours before it was due to open, the Government asked the censorship board to see it coce again - obviously hoping that they would decline to pass it, and so solve the problem. But the censorship board approved it.

This was on Friday. On Saturday the film opened in 30 cinemas across South Africa, all packed. Soon after the shows began, the police walked in and confiscated every copy. Io some places the audiences saw the film through, but generally it was interrupted after only an hour. They used the excuse that there was a bomb or something.

"So that was that - until four weeks ago, when the secret police arrived at the door of the UIP office and handed back the film. So it will open at the end of April. It will be fascinating to see the reaction now - though many people have already seen it: there

lmost three years after are hundreds of pirate videos its original release, throughout South Africa."

Both Attenborough and Donald oods - the exiled South African journalist whose experiences inspired the film - in which he is played by Kevin Kline - feel confident that Cry Freedom can now make a fresh political contribution. "I think it can be a big help to both sides - both Mandela and De Klerk," says Donald Woods, "mainly in telling white South Africans a lot of things they still don't know. They have simply not had access to information. The recent revelations about the police death squads were a big shock in many of them.

Attenborough confirms that poiot. "Some of them are ignorant to a point you cannot believe. We showed the film to one South African whom Donald knows very well. He came out afterwards very moved, streaming tears. 'Great film Donald,' he sobbed, 'only there are terrible mistakes. You must take out that scene where white police are hitting black women with truncheons. That would never happen. You'd never see a white policeman hit a black

woman with a truncheon'. "It's people like him we want to see the film. The people who are going in affect what happens now are the centre section. It is terribly important that these people - who have been comforted by the things De Klerk has done-tealize that only when the state of emergency has been ended and when political prisoners have been released will the cornerstones of apartheid be

Attenborough is exasperated by official British attitudes. "How dare they, when they know the brutality and oppression that still exists, and when the state of emergency is still in force. I would certainly not wish to denigrate De

Klerk; but to suggest that all the admiration and respect should be lavished on him, to talk of 'rewarding' him and by the same token to marginalize Mandela is extraordinary, unforgiveable."

does not know if the British Prime Minister has ever seen the film. For the premiere we of MPs from the three main parties. We got a 100 per cent refusal from the Conservative Party, a 60 per cent yes from the middle and a 90 per cent yes from the Labour party.

We thought perhaps it was a fluke - that the Conservatives, who were after all governing the country, were too busy. So we sent out the same oumber of invitations to other Conservative politicians. The same response. I doo't think one came.

"Io America the film was the most diabolical failure in the theatres. Even in the areas where one might have expected interest - Atlanta, for instance the audiences did oot come. Perhaps black people did not want to resurrect what they had been through themselves in the Sixties. But everywhere else in the world it has been an extraordinary

success. The West German Chan-

cellor told us, 'After seeing your

that sanctions have to be maintained.' The same thing happened in Japan and Sweden . . .

"So even if the film will never make it into the Box Office Top 500 in Variety, I'm very proud of the fact that we made it. The statistics of the anti-apartheid movement show that wherever it has been shown recruitment has

"What I care about in my films is the cootent. I don't pretend to be an auteur film maker, but I have in express myself through the cinema - it's the only way I can talk about the things that matter in me. And if people think that I make unimaginative, old-style narrative films, I really don't mind. But if they denigrate the content, then I get upset and

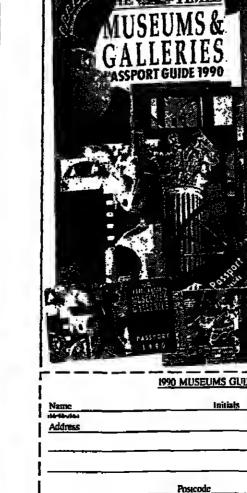
"I think that Cry Freedom-it's not a very good title, in fact - was a statement very much worth making at that time. People in the ANC think that it has had a profound effect. And if that is so, then it was worth making.

"I hope it has a historical place. Maybe in 20 years time - please God! - apartheid won't exist; but we must never forget that it did exist, just as we must never forget that Hitler existed. And the film is a record of that, whatever people's views of it."

Donald Woods is once again free to return to South Africa with his family. He was recently invited to resume writing for his old paper, The Despatch. He began his first article with the words, "As I was saying when I was so rudely



Richard Attenborough discusses the profound effect of Cry Freedom with Winnie Mandela in South Africa



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Denrel Washington as Steve Biko (centre) falls into the hands of the security policemen Carl Chase (left) and Morgan Sheppard in Cry Freedom

The pain and cure of living

Hitler's death camps, and for those whose families died there, the suffering is never over. "The hurt is as present, as real, many years later as it was on the day it happened. Despite all outer appearances to the contrary, it is not possible for these victims of past events to have normal lives in the present.

Bruno Bettelheim suffered in this way both on his own account and on behalf of others. He ended his own life just over a week ago, on 13 March. He was 86 years old and in a nursing home. It could have been a case of simply having had enough, except that the date he chose was the date the Nazis entered Austria in 1938.

He was a Viennese Jew who had spent 18 mnnths in Dachau and Buchenwald. Like Primo Levi, whn killed himself in 1987, and like hundreds of nthers who escaped death in the camps, he never overcame survivor's guilt. Like Levi, he used his pain in a lifelong debate on the death camps, while making a positive constribution to life — in Bettelheim's case, the care and cure of damaged and disturbed

Bruno Bettelheim is not such a beguiling writer as Levi, and though he wrote many books, he rarely wrote directly about him-self. He shared Freud's opinion that writing a hiography was a commitment "to lying, to conceal-ment, to flummery", and thought the same was true of autohiography. This collection of estestament, investigates the three main preoccupations of his life: Freud, and the Vienna that produced both Freud and himself; the perceptions of children, and the key experiences of his own child-hood; and the Holocaust.

In relation to Freud and psychoanalysis, Bettelheim is like an early Christian disgusted by the dogma, schism, and institu-tionalization that muddled the primitive pure faith. (Ernest Jones, Freud's first biographer and

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NEW HARDBACKS

Victoria Glendinning on the survivor of Buchenwald and ghetto thinking. who argued about the death camps, and turned to the care of

RECOLLECTIONS AND REFLECTIONS By Bruno Bettelheim Thames & Hudson, £14.95

damaged children

interpreter, is Bettelheim's bête noire.) A deformed kind of Freudian psychoanalysis became a haven, he suggests, for people whn no longer had strong religious underpinnings. Freud is his hero, though his conversion came about by chance - a rival for the girl be fancied at school was dazzling her with talk of psychoanalysis, so he decided to bone up nn it himself,

applied his inter-

pretive skills to the tragedy of the Jews under the Nazis. Why, in the 1930s, did the Jews blind themselves to what was going to happen? Why did they not rise up and protest, why did not more people escape? These are the questions that tormented him. His most controversial point about the Holocaust is his concept of "ghetto thinking", which many Jews have found offensive. The Israeli Jew of today, he writes, has nothing in common with the Jews of the ghetto hut a name. Those who are neither ghetto Jews nor Israelis, but somewhere in between, are at home nowhere, "They, like the author, are in-

His explanation of how the Holocaust was allowed to happen has to do with the habit of compliance and ingratiation ingrained in Jews in exile, over generations - survival techniques of passivity and conciliation, of the strategic ignoring of rejections and insults, of "business as usual" at all costs, plus an unwillingness to abandon their homes and possessions. This is "ghetto

thinking".

When the worst was actually happening, how was it that millinns of people "like lemmings" marched themselves off to their own deaths? Inertia and the deathinstinct, he says. Everyone, Jew or gentile, who submits to punishment not because of what he has done but because of what he is, is already "dead by his own decision".

In an essay about the famous "miracle" worked by the devoted teacher Anne Sullivan on the hlind-deaf Helen Keller, Bettelheim asks which of the two was the miracle, and which the miracle-worker. He suggests a symbiotic connivance between helper and helped which is as sustaining to the one as to the other. It is possible to infer that he suspected a similar but fatal connivance between persecutors and persecuted.

Bettelheim's life-work as an analyst was with people trau-matized by the camps, and with disturbed and autistic children, at his Orthogenic School in Chicago. On the Keller analogy, this work maybe helped him as well as helping the children. He practised a "milieu therapy", not unlike the total attention and dedication that Helen Keller received from her

He has written elsewhere in depth about this work; his great books are The Informed Heart and The Uses of Enchantment. The latter book is largely about the function of fairy tales, to which he returns in this collection. We need art and myth, he believes, in order to become attached to life. Television, which creates modern



aid to day-dreaming. We live by fictions that we know to be fictions in order to make life bearable. (It must have crossed his mind that Freud's model of the psyche might also be a "fiction" under this rubric.)

In this collection, the sexually repressed, middle-class Viennese boy that he was is allowed to emerge. He longed as an adult to give children not only the unmonitored access to art that he

enjoyed in Vienna, but the freedom from convention and from adult rules that he did not have. Those who devote themselves to making the world a better place for children, he writes — praising the Polish doctor who voluntarily accompanied children of the Warsaw ghetto to Trehlinka and death, so they would not be afraid generally had unhappy childhoods

Like all good communicators

Tasting Flora

NOVEL OF THE WEEK

Philip Howard

A SENSIBLE LIFE By Mary Wesley Bantom, £12.93

This is Mary Wesley's seventh novel since she began writing them in her seventies; and she is starting to repeat herself a bit. Not that this seems likely to worry fiction reviewers for The Times Between us we have chanted Calliones of cheers for her from the first one, without a quaver. This time there is the girl who see escapes by changing class, and becoming a servant. There is the giamorous and unattainable for-

glamorous and unattainable foreign lover who comes and goes
mostly goes. That "sensible" in
the title is a pun on the French
meaning of a life of the senses.

The story starts in Dinard in
1926 where a group of ghastly
middle-class English families are
spending the Easter holidays by
the sea, and worrying about the
likelihood of a General Strike.
Flora, aged 10, is a silent, mysterious, solitary child, resented and ous, solitary child, resented and neglected by her uxorious parents. She is a watcher, with huge eyes, a lonely walker of dogs, with a rich vocabulary of French foul lanshe is going to be the heroine, and that her life is going to he complicated, and not sensible in conventional terms. Flora falls :: intensely in love with Cosmo, and Blanco (English public school boys), and Felix, the cosmopolitan and ambiguous Dutchman. The comic and passionate romance follows the story of these three entwined and cerebral loves for

the next half century. Mary Wesley is becoming more, cunning at imbricating her plot with echoes and adumhrations. At . the beach picnic at the end of the hols, two girls break into "Au clair de la lune", and there is at once a sunset-touch from the end of the book. Years later, at the moment of his death, Felix would remember those young voices and the recollection of their purity would purge him of his fear. In old age Flora would smile, remembering the child who believed that love

was for one person, for ever. Mary Wesley is an acute observer in her love-hate relatioo-ship with the English middling classes. It is a shock when even she misuses "prevaricate" to mean procrastinate; maybe the battle is lost. A running theme throughout is the absolute necessity of reading the sensible world - and quite right too. Nonpareil Wesley combines a young girl's jaunty mischief with an old lady's malicious wit. As usual, she is astringent as well as soppy, and alarmingly honest about such things as sex, bodily smells, and dislike for one's supposedly nearest and dearest. When Flora finally makes it, she lets out a shout: "Woops, how wonderful." As usual, she made me both laugh out loud and cry. It even has a happy ending.

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strange chapter in the history of feminism - or antifeminism. Were the young girls like Florence Cook of Hackney, who enjoyed brief celebrity as mediums, charlatans or mystics? In basing her central character of In The Red Kitchen, Flora, on the real life Florence, Michèle Roberts is trying not to find an answer to that question but to reflect on its implications. Women can be treated like goddesses, but only if they will agree to behave like puppets. Flora's powers cause her to be adored by some, reviled by some, and treated as a scientific object by others. Two other female spirits are entangled with hers—one from Ancient Egypt and one from 20th-century London. Queen Hat, borne aloft through the palaces of the Pharaohs, may have all the trappings of power, but carries a sense of her own impermanence. Hattie, living in our own time, has a more modern set of doubts against which she must build a barricade of material and sexual satisfactions in order to feel real. To catch the complexity of the theme the author uses different narrative styles cleverly. Less beguiling, but more awesome, is the economic clarity with which Leonardo Sciascia sketches in a character, landscape, or situation in a way that makes you feel you have read something much innger and richer than you actually have. This is a story about repression and injustice arising from various sorts of higotry, whether superstitious, religious, or political. Death of an Inquisitor is more a fictionalized essay than a story. It investigates the murder of a minister from the Holy Inquisition in Sicily in 1657. The trouble is that the investigation, based as it is on State Archives and contemporary accounts, often throws up such a jungle of references and cross-references that even the purity of the author's style and the ingenuity of lan Thomson's translation aren't enough to clear the way. Only the quality of innuendo, and the skilfully suggested parallels be-

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By R. K. Narayan Heinemann, £12.95 THE DREAM By Iain Crichton Smith Macmillan, £12.95

process. Also included in this volume is "The Captain and the Witch", which describes the trial of an Italian serving girl hurnt as a witch in 1617. In this story the author's investigative skills sit more comfortably within the framework of the story. It is told with a passinnate sense of irony, and as a simple metaphor.

Life in The World of Nagaraj -Narayan's well-known village of Malgudi — is far more comfort-able. Here the main problems are about maintaining domestic harmony with the least possible expense of energy. Nagaraj is wellto-do and well leisured. He is planning to write a book, but is prevented from settling down to it by the sound of his nephew's wife practising on her harmonium. Much of the story is about the way the noise fills first the house and then his thoughts, putting his concept of good manners to the test, and rearranging his relations with his wife. It is a simple tale about typical family conflicts, told with gentle, unassuming humour. The negotiations and conflicts

between man and wife in Iain Crichton Smith's The Dream are more abrasive. Martin and Jean have both been brought up on a Scottish island, and now live in Glasgow. He is restless. His academic job teaching Gaelic at the university seems to deny the reality of the living language, and he dreams of returning to the island to give daily support to the culture of his youth. Jean, however, sees her job in a travel agency as a first step towards exotic foreign places, which will help her to forget her miserable childhood, spent on the island in the home of an unloving aunt. lain Crichton Smith writes like a poet, with a strong natural rhythm and precise observation, giving the dilemma he describes a special Celtic poignancy. Even if Glasgow

does triumph in the end.

Nostalgia! — for former Gentle-men Cadets of the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, who were brought up on General Sir Ernest Swinton's mini classic. The original sketches, with the lessons learned by Lieutenant "Backsight Forethought" during his six dreams of his valiant defence of Duffer's Drift, used to hang in our lecture room for aspirant Sappers and Gunners to study.

Swinton was at the Shop in the 1890s, and fought as a Sapper subaltern during the Boer War. He became one of Maurice Hankey's assistants in the War Cabinet Secretariat during the First World War. In 1925 he became Chichele Professor of War at Oxford.

Fifty thousand copies of his slim book were sold when it was first published in 1907. It was translated into Urdu for the Indian Army and Spanish for Latin

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a child himself. This was great for

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authorial tone suggests that a passionate sense of his own right-

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writer he is emotional, inspiring, ultimately despairing. This book

transmits his suffering, and the suffering of millions, to the reader. Lest we forget. Ein Volk, ein

William Jackson

DUFFER'S DRIFT By E. D. Swinton Re-edited by Michael Glover Leo Cooper, £9.95

American armies, and it had an American edition. The War Office thought it too "flippant and irregular" for official recognition, but in 1944, just before the invasion of Normandy, distributed it free to junior officers.

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HEALTH

The contraceptive Pill was designed in the Sixties to be harmless, simple and reliable. How do we feel about it in the Nineties? Ann Kent reports

Pincus, an American biologist, was invited to devise the ideal contraceptive. His sponsors. the Planned Parenthood Movement, stipulated that the new method should be "harmless, en-tirely reliable, simple, practical, universally applicable and aesthetically satisfactory to both husband

Within a few years Dr Pincus was able to report that he had achieved his objective, and in 1960 the first commercially produced oral contraceptive, Enavid 10, was launched in the United States. Thirty years ago this week it began tests in Britain, using 50 volunteers recruited from family planning clinics in Birmingham. The first British version, Conovid, was officially launched the following year, in October 1961.

The Pill was welcomed not only as the ideal contraceptive, but as a force for the liberation of women. For the first time women were free to explore their sexuality, without the fear of unwanted pregnancy.

Dr Clifford Kay, of the Royal College of General Practitioners, remembers how soon doubts set in. "At first everyone said the Pill was wonderful and had no side effects, and of course that turned out to be nonsense. When we started to evaluate it, one nasty thing after another seemed to turn up. But at the same time we discovered dozens of beneficial effects which were totally overshadowed."

In 1968 Dr Kay set up a study involving 46,000 married women, of whom half were on the contracentive Pill. Their medical histories have been followed ever since, and regular reports on their progress are published. His own results, and those of others, have led him to believe that in the future the Pill could be promoted not only as the most effective means of birth control, but as an important way of preventing disease.

"The latest research suggests that taking the modern, low-dose Pill actually reduces mortality in nonsmokers. For the very first time, we are able to say that on balance the Pill is good for you," he says. "If, as a doctor, you can combine the Pill with a determined effort to get women to stop smoking, or indeed never to start, we can offer them the most effective method of contraception there is and say it will actually benefit their health."

Dr Carlos Huezo of the International Planned Parenthood Federation agrees: "The Pill has saved a lot of lives, and there is some evidence that women who take it are generally healthier than those who do not. This is a message which family planners need to put

Last October America's cautious Food and Drug Administration changed its Pill recommendations to state: "The benefits of oral contraceptive use by healthy, nonsmoking women over 40 years of age may outweigh the possible risks. However all women, especially older women, are cautioned to use the lowest-dose Pill that is

In Britain, the Family Planning Association recommends that the Pill is safe for non-smokers up to the age of 45, although some individual doctors prescribe oral contraception for older women.

Yet despite all this optimism, concern about the Pill rumbles on, fuelled at regular intervals by the publication of alarming research reports. These concern not only the women who are on the Pill now, but the millions who have used it in the past and wonder about lingering after-effects.

Martin Vessey, professor of community medicine at Oxford University and a world authority on the Pill, has drawn on a vast amount of published data to establish a balance sheet of risks and benefits.

He estimates the increased risk of heart attack, thrombosis or stroke among women using the low-dose Pill as between one-and-a-half and two times the normal risk. However, these increased risks mainly affect smokers, do not seem to be influenced by the length of time the Pill is taken, and do not linger after



Thirty years on the Pill

the Pill is discontinued. In 1988, out of a total of 138,000 women who died of circulatory diseases in England and Wales, only 857 were under the age of 45, and most of them would probably have been advised against the Pill.

Vessey says that taking the Pill for more than eight years may quadruple the chances of developing liver tumours - and the risk probably persists after the Pill is stopped. However, only about 200 women a year die of liver tumours in England and Wales, and very few of them are of childbearing age.

The effects of the Pill on cervical cancer are disputed. Taking it for more than six years may increase the risk by 50 per cent, and that risk

may persist after the Pill is stopped. However, abnormal cells in the cervix can be identified and removed before they have a chance to become malignant, provided women have regular cervical smears every three years at least.

The greatest controversy surrounds the effects of the Pill on breast cancer (see the box below). On the credit side, the Pill offers protection against cancers of the endometrium and ovaries - and appears to be protective even after it is no longer taken.

So how do all the risks of Pilltaking measure up against all the benefits? Professor Vessey's balance sheet assumes that a million women use the Pill from the age of 16 to the age of 35, when they or their partners are sterilized, while another million 16-year-olds rely on condoms until the age of 35, when they or their partners are also sterilized. He then estimates the mortality risks in each group up to the age of 50.

According to his calculations, the protective effects of the Pill against ovarian and endometrial cancers will save 1,497 lives. He adds another 131 lives saved by avoiding the hazards of unwanted pregnancy. On the debit side, Professor Vessey subtracts 202 lives lost as a result of Pill-induced liver cancer, and 180 lives lost as a result of heart attacks. strokes and thrombosis. This latter figure assumes that modern Pills

BREAST CANCER - THE GREATEST WORRY

reast cancer is the joker in the pack whenever the Brisks and benefits of the Pill are assessed. Much is made of the Pill's undoubted protective effects against cancers of the endometrium and ovary. But breast cancer, believed by some researchers to be associated with the Pill, kills more than twice as many women as those two diseases combined.

It is the commonest cancer among women, claiming 15,290 lives a year in the UK. It is also a complicated disease, and many factors apart from the Pill are known to influence it. If she starts her periods young, avoids pregnancy, and has a later menopause, she will have a higher than average risk of breast cancer. Other risk factors include having a mother or sister who has had the disease, especially before the menopause; certain types of non-malignant breast disease; and delaying first childbirth beyond the age of 30..

However, it is hard to avoid the fact that a number of studies now suggest that women who start taking the Pill under the age of 25 are at greater risk of developing breast cancer while still in their thirties. At a time when market research suggests that seven women out of 10 in the under-24 age group choose the Pill as a method of

contraception, hreast cancer is a serious concern.
Clair Chilvers, senior epidemiologist at the Institute of Cancer Research, believes that young women should take a cautious approach to the Pill. Ms Chilvers was

one of the authors of the UK National Case Control Study, published last year, and one of several to reveal a link between breast cancer in young women and the use of both high and low-dose Pills. Chilvers advises any woman who started the Pill under the age of 25 and has been on it for more than four years to consider another method. "It may well be that after considering it, she decides that she wants to carry on with the Pill, and that is fine. My advice is erring on the side of safety."

Tronbling questions remain. Are the unfortunate women who get breast cancer early simply suffering an acceleration of a disease which would have occurred anyway? Or will the same group of women continue to show increased levels of breast cancer as they age? The Pill users of the Sixties tended to be older when they started the Pill, and to stay on it for shorter periods. This means we will need to wait until the year 2000, when the young Pill users of the 1970s reach the menopause, to know the answers. Sir Richard Doll, an authority on disease patterns, has said he has no doubt that four to five years' use of the Pill does increase the risk of breast cancer under the age of 35 by 60 to 70 per cent. He also feels, on the basis of evidence gathered so far, that there is no increased risk of breast cancer in women who are now aged 45, who took the Pill many years earlier; but that there is uncertainty about the risks faced by women now aged between 35 and 44. Further research is needed.

predecessors of cardiovascular discase - an assumption justified by the latest research, and the fact that high-risk women are now much less likely to be given the Pill.

The result is that 1,240 more people would be alive in the Pillusing group at the age of 50 than in

the condom group.

However, this optimistic picture assumes that the extra breast cancer which some researchers have found in vorme female Pill-takers simply represents an earlier manifestation of a disease which would have occurred anyway. It also assumes that the higher risk of cervical cancer among Pill users is caused by differences in their lifestyle rather than by the Pill itself.

To cover these objections, Professor Vessey has produced a second calculation in which he assumes that the Pill really does produce a 50 per cent increase in cervical cancer among women who use it for more than six years, and that it really does produce an extra risk of breast cancer in young women. This would involve an extra 1,075 lost lives, virtually cancelling out the savings made by the Pill against ovarian and endometrial cancers and unplanned pregnancy.

However, there is one last scenario which must be considered the risk that the carcinogenic effects of the Pill on breast tissue will continue as the woman ages. This would lead to a loss of 4,157 lives by the age of 50, leaving the Pill balance sheet with a debit of well over 3,000 lost lives. The evidence collected so far, though, does not

support this worst-case scenario. So where does all this leave the individual? We need to remember that the Pill is still the most effective method of contraception, virtually foolproof if taken every day. Although Pill users do need regular medical check-ups, it does not need to be fitted, unlike an intra-uterine device. It does not require accessories, such as spermicides, as the diaphragm does. And unlike sterilization, it is a reversible method which leaves the woman

free to have children in future. In an age where people worry (or should worry) about sexually transmitted diseases and HIV infection, the condom would seem to be the ideal method. But according to Rosemary Kirkman of the National Association of Family Planning Doctors, a survey of 200 condom users revealed that nearly half of them had experienced a condom bursting or slipping off in the previous three months. "You may understand our reservations about relying on condoms for cootraception where there is a need for high efficacy," she told a conference at the Royal Society of Medicine

he dangers of the Pill should also be compared with life's other hazards. Several years ago a chart the chances of death as a result of Pill-taking with death as a result of other human activities. It was based on data collected from the higherdose Pills, but even on these it was found that a female non-smoker under 35 has a two times greater risk of dying in the home, a four times greater risk of being run over, and an eight times greater risk of dying in childbirth than she has of being

killed by the Pill If she is a smoker under 35 her risks from the Pill are three times higher than dying in the home, but still less than the risks of driving a car. Most women, of course, do have a choice about contraception, whereas they may feel they cannot avoid the risks of motoring, crossing the road, or giving birth. Whether they are prepared to take the additional risk involved in using oral contraceptives is an individual

All this analysis can seem coldblooded to the Pill user, or worried ex-user. The suspicion creeps in that millions of women have been part of a vast medical experiment - and that men rather than women have ultimately benefitted. They, after all, have had the sexual freedom without the fear of side effects.

In pursuit of perfection

search into the Pill is the fact that the dose has changed so much over the years. The first Pills, used in the early Sixties, contained 150 mcg of mestranol (oestrogen) and 10mg of

norethynodrel (progestogen). At the end of 1969 doctors were asked to ensure that women used combined oral contraceptives containing not more than 50 meg of oestrogen. As a result, vast numbers of them switched brands. From the mid-Seventies women started to switch again, this time to the new "low-dose" Pill, containing 30 mcg or 35 mcg of oestrogen. These are still the type prescribed to the vast majority of Pill-users.

The Seventies also saw the arrival of the progestogen-only Pill (Pop) — sometimes known, confusingly, as the mini Pill. The research which has been carried out suggests that it could be the safest Pill

Phased Pills arrived in the Eighties. These are ultra lowdose varieties in which the ratio of progestogen to oestrogen changes during the

was almost by accident that the combined contraceptive Pill was developed. and its effects have continued surprise and perplex

researchers ever since. The scientists who invented it in the mid-Fifties believed they were working with a single active ingredient, the hormone progestogen.

When they tested their new Pill on female volunteers from a slum clearance scheme in San Juan, Puerto Rico, it proved highly effective in preventing unwanted preg-

But when the Pill was massproduced, the chemists discovered that the progestogen used in San Juan was "contaminated" with mestranol, a kind of oestrogen.

When this was removed, the women using the new, purified versioo started to get pregnant. It was then realized that small amounts of oestrogen were necessary if this type of Pill was to prove effective.

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DOSAGE

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The Eighties also saw the advent of oral contraceptives containing only 20 mcg of oestrogen. Unfortunately, these are not suitable for everyone, because they can unacceptably disrupt the

woman's bleeding pattern. At the same time, concern shifted from the effects of oestrogen to those of proges-togen, and the Pill manufacturers have responded by developing new and allegedly safer versions of these hor-mones. Much of the vast body of research inm the long-term effects of oral contraceptives is based on these 50 mcg Pills.

However, some of the more recent studies have been able to assess the impact of the newer low-dose Pills and the results, according to Prof Martin Vessey of Oxford Univer-

sity, are "encouraging".

The most commonly used Pills of the Nineties are expected to use about 30 mcg of oestrogen, about a fifth of the dose of the Sixties Pills, and about a twentieth of the dose of progestogen.

THE PAST:

1961: approved for use in Great Britain.

1962: 50,000 British women on the Pill. They tend to be married, middle-class, and using the Pill to space their

1969: a million British women on the Pill. The Family Planning Association mandates its clinics to advise single as well as married clients.

1974: the NHS foots the bill for contraceptive treatment and advice from family planning clinics,

1975: the Pill is the nation's most popular birth control method, used by 36 per cent of single women and 30 per cent of women who are or have been married, 1977: Pill use starts to decline sharply as a result of reports of adverse

1988: family planning clinics report that Pill use is lower than at any time in the This was perhaps the first previous 10 years.

> preferred method of seven out of 10 women under the age of 24, and four out of 10 in the 25 to 29 age group.

BEITER THINGS TO COME

he next decade should bring us methods with all the Pill's advantages but none of the side effects. Walli Bounds of the Margaret Pyke Centre in London, a senior researcher into new birth control methods, believes many problems have arisen because the Pill has to be taken by mouth. When a pill is swallowed, it is absorbed from the gut wall into the portal vein, from where it passes into the liver. Part of the hormone dose is then inactivated by the liver enzymes, while the remainder is circulated via the bloodstream.

Mrs Bounds explains: "Our research has shown that one woman, taking exactly the same Pill as the next, can end up with 10 times more hormone in her blood. This explains why some women suffer side effects while others do not, and why a very tiny minority of women get pregnant even though they are taking the Pill properly." She believes the future lies with finding different ways of getting the Pill hormones into the bloodstream, such as skin patches impregnated with hormones which pass through the skin and into the bloodstream, and hormone-loaded polymer rings to wear in the vagina. Malcolm Pike, professor of preventive medicine at the

University of Southern California, believes that the lessons learnt the hard way from the Pill could be used to save lives in future. "The Pill has taught us that if you manipulate hormones in a particular way you can achieve an amazing reduction in cancers of the endometrium and ovary. Somehow we need to understand how to use the same hormones to achieve a reduction in breast cancer.'

Paradise found and lost

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numbers grew so that the island could scarcely support them. Today there are just 49 islanders and the viability of the population is in question. in The Times on Saturday Michael Brooke, recently returned from a seven-week visit, reports on life on



Making old bones younger become brittle. The decision to take HRT

A shelf carefully positioned by a middle-aged couple may well be out of reach of one or both of them by the time they reach old age, for the loss of bone density, and with it stature, strikes men as well as women. Both sexes can take general measures regular brisk exercise, a calcium and protein-rich diet, the avoidance of smoking or alcohol in excess - to lessen the likelihood of becoming bent and frail, but for women, who suffer more often than men, there can be the added precaution of taking hormone replacement therapy (HRT). Bone density in women is partly dependent on their oestrogen level; as it declines around the menopause, so the bones

involves balancing the risks of its side effects against its proven advantages, which extend well be-

youd a reduction in the fracture rate. Few doctors would Hospital in London is to start just fail to prescribe HRT for a women such a bespoke tailoring service for who has had an early menopause, possibly after a hysterectomy, for in these cases arteries as well as bones are hazarded by oestrogen lack; but conversely most would be reluctant to recommend it to a woman who has a

MEDICAL tremes, balancing the equation becomes BRIEFING more difficult but in every case HRT has to be tailored for the

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

individual The Princess Grace women. The Osteoporosis and Menopause clinic will, when established he run by a multi-disciplinary team; Dr Jean Ginsberg, an endocrinologist, Dr. Clive Bartram, a radiologist, and Dr Hedley Berry, a rheumatologist. A strong family history of cancer of the long-established mammography hreast and nodular bosoms. In (breast X-ray) service is already there.

technique, quantitative digital radiography. This measures bone density very accurately, but with only minimal exposure to radiation, so that repeat examinations can be carried out either to monitor progress of treatment, or to detect sudden changes in bone density which can occur in a woman even though previous measurements were acceptable. The X-ray examination is very simple, and takes only 30 minutes. There are no injections, no suspending the limb in icy water, no ghastly gruels to be drunk or injections survived; the

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ing activities. The scanner which the Round Table generally hopes to provide for the community is the CAT scanner, which is dependent on the use of X-rays. Recently the advantages in some branches of medicine of using an MRI scanner, which relies upon magnetic resonance, has become apparent. It gives better definition than a CAT scanner, and the patient is spared even small doses of X-radi-

small intra-cranial tumours; it For the past 15 can make a definite diagnosis in early cases of multiple sclerosis, and spinal disc lesions can be accurately localized in the acute stage without uncomfortable. or occasionally hazardous. X-ray procedures. In orthopaedics the inside of a knee joint can be seen without even the disruption caused by an arthroscope - loose or split ligaments and foreign bodies has enabled EC inspectors to theory it should be possible to are all revealed. Hips and monitor the sugar content of build a giant scanner to pregery. Dr Brian Kendall, horse racing Already the winners, and which would consultant neuro-radiologist physical stamina of small always be a waste of trainers' at the National Hospital for animals have been assessed by time and owners' money.

proved excellent for detecting tages have to be weighed high and maintenance very expensive. The other disadvantage is that in some patients the scanning could induce claustrophobia, for noisy tunnel for up to 15 minutes at a time. The use of the MRI technique is spreading beyond medicine. It is cartilages in the joint torn adept at analysing wine, and ledge to horse racing, in shoulders, 100, can be en- Beaujolais; but its most star- diet which horses had the right plored without invasive sur- tling effect might well be on muscle composition to make

and fast-reacting muscle fi- monitored; analysis of the against increased cost, for the bres, and to study the way in matabolytes in the muscles outlay on an MRI scanner is which these muscles behave show whether the animal is likely to be fast or slow, a sprinter or a stayer. One Harley Street phythey have to disappear into a sician, who trained as a

became a doctor, is now working with an American team to translate this know-

would show whether a horse's when exercised. The results poor performance was due to staleness and over-training, or if it was under-trained and unfit. The correct use of this machine, the Harley Street physician confidently prenuclear physicist before he dicts, would enable a trainer to guarantee to an owner that his

The Times Preview features a different area of the arts each day Monday to Friday, as indicated above, including events in the following seven days. Plus the Cinema Guide

OPERA ... Hilary Finch

LONDON

THE GAMBLER: Revival of David Pountney's searing Prokofiev production sees the return of Graham Clerk. Sian Edwards condu sum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161). Tonight, 7,30-

9.50pm, £3-£33. ELEKTRA: Final night of highly gripping, concentrated evening of Strauss in Götz Friedrich's tunnel-production.

Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1086). Tomorrow, 8-9.45pm, £2.50-£82 LA TRAVIATA: Last chance to see David Pountney's thoughtful and searching

production with Helen Field as Violetta. Collection (as above). Tomorrow, 7.30-10.90pm, £3-£33. L'ELISIR D'AMORE: Last chances to see

Pavarotti in John Copley's lively revival. den (as above). Sat. Tues. 7.30-10.15pm, £2.50-£98.

THE MEKADO: Strongly cast revival of Jonathan Miller's witty, Hollywood-style G & S production in which Titipu is located in s 1920s English hotel. Collecum (as above). Sat, Wed, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm, 23-233.

OUTSIDE LONDON

THE MERRY WIDOW: Heavy-handed production for Opera 80; Heather Lorimer and the young cast work hard to salvage some semblence of style. Corn Exchange, lpswich (0473 215544). Tonight, Sat. 7.30-10pm, £5.50-£9.

COSI FAN TUTTE: Welsh National Opera's interestingly cast revival fea-tures Valerie Masterson and Bryn Terfel . Sir Charles Mackerras conducts. Apollo, Oxford (0865 244544). Tonight, 7.15-10.30pm, £8-£27.

OEDIPUS REX/BLUEBEARD'S CASTLE: Stefanos Lazaridis both designs and directs Scottish Opera's doubly powerful double bill of Stravinsky and Bar Empire Theatre, Liverpool (051 709 1555). Toright, 7.15-10.15pm, £5-£18. Theatre Royal, Newcastle (991 232 2061). Wed, 7.15-10.15pm, £3-£22.

DIE FLEDERMAUS: Revival of Scottish Opera's fun production by Simon Callow. Watch out for George Mosley's Orlofsky. Empire (as above). Tomorrow, 7.15-10.15pm, £5-£8.

THE BARBER OF SEVILLE: Welsh National's harum-scarum production by Glies Havergal with Kate McCarney and Anthony Michaels Moore. Carlo Rizzl Apollo (as above). Tomorrow, 7.15-10.30pm, £8-£27.

LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR: Opera 80 offers a compact, visually striking

NON-FICTION

ss Regained, John Mortimer ...

Lazarus, Morris West
The Wimbledon Poisoner, Nigel Williams ...

Greek Fire, Oliver Taplin Reluctant Enemies, Warren Tute Liar's Poker, Michael Lewis

A Season in Hell, Jack Higgins ...

10 The Harrogate Secret, Catherine Cookson

Source: Hatchards, 187 Piccadilly, London W1

5 Around the World in 80 Days, Michael Palin.

production which neverthelass overstretches its young cast.

Corn Exchange (as above). Fri, 7.3010.15pm, £6.50-£9.

LA FORZA DEL DESTINO: Scottish Opera's powerful new production in which John Maucerl conducts with Verdi's original prelude and final scene. Empire (as above). Sat. 6.45pm, E5-£8. Theatre floyal (as above). Tues, 6.45pm,

DER ROSENKAVALIER: Weish National's traditional production by Wolf-gang Weber is conducted by Sir Charles Mackernas in Oxford and Andrew Greenwood in Southampto wood in Southampton. Apollo (as above). Sat, 8.30pm, £8-£27. ser. Southernoton (0703 229771) Wed, 6.30pm, £17-£24.50.

DER FREISCHRITZ: Weish National'e dark Weber revival by André Engel's, conducted by Anthony Negus.
Mayfower (as above). Tues, 7.15pm,

DANCE

John Percival

SPRING LOADED: Action Syndicate offer a female view of cricket (tonight-Sat, 8pm). Liz Ranken and Phil Griffin perform a "mini-musical" by John Eacott (Fri. Sat. 10pm). Kim Brandstrup's Peer Gynt is his first long work (Tues, Wed, 8pm) (see featurs, F.16). The Place, Duke's Road, London WC1 (01-387 0031). 25, tate shows £5.

LONGEVITY: Gary Lambert's new duet for Rambert Dance Company is based on Martin Luther King. Sadier's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Ave-nue, London EC1 (01-278 8916). To-

night-Sat, 7.30pm, £1-£14. SCOTTISH BALLET: Two works by Balanchine, and Petipa's Paquits.
Theatre Royal, Hope Street, Glasgow (041 331 1234). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm, mat Sat, 2.15pm, £3-£17. New Theatre, Hull (0482 226655). Tues, Wed, 7.30pm,

NORTHERN BALLET THEATRE: Christopher Gable's Giselfe at Poole; a mixed bill including Liaisons Amourauses and Liobzzager at Carriff

Towngete Theatre, Kingland Road, Poole (0202 685222). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat 2.30pm, £7-£11, New Theatre, Cardiff (0222 394844). Tues, Wed, 7.30pm, £5.50-£12.

CAREFUL AIM: European premier of American dancer Devid Dorfman. RSAMD, 100 Renfraw Street, Glasgow (041 332 5057). Tonight, Fri, 7.30pm, 25. SWANSONG: Christopher Bruce's grip-

ping dance drama and other works for English National Ballet. Connaught Theatre, Worthing (0903 35333). Tomorrow, Sat, 7.30pm, met Sat 2.30pm, £8, met £6. Arts Theatre, Cambridge (0223 352000), Wed. 7.30nm

LA TRAVIATA: London City Ballet open a week at Sadler's Wells with André Prokovsky's dance drama on Durnas's story and music by Verdi.
Sedier's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916). Mon-Wed,

ENB GALA: Celebrating English National Ballet's 40th year: guests from France, America, Canada, Germany and Russia.

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Story carved from suffering

tress Camille Claudel and her tragic love affair with Auguste Rodin are the subject of a new production, Make Me a Statue, by Victoria Worsley (pic-tured here) and Caroline Ward. Trained with Philippe Gaulier and Monika Pagneux, they founded the women's theatre company Tattycoram in 1986 and have built a reputation for challenging and unconventional work. Co-written by Ward, the piece is performed solo by Worsley. Claudel's re-lationship with Rodin produced some of Europe's most famous sculptures. When it ended after 10 years, although she continued to work, she smashed her work in fits of destruction and became a recluse, living in squalor. Her family had her committed to a lunatic asylum. Letters she wrote to her family revealed her inner torment and confusion. The piece draws on elements from horror movies, black comedy, slapstick and opera. Ward says that it "is very much about her as an artist, and her and Rodin ... it's not a blamey piece." The setting has Charlotte Malik's immense white sculpture copies of Rodin's "Balzac" and "The Thinker" in a dark foreboding room, the moving figure in white, with white wig and body paint. ICA, The Mall, London, SW1 (0(-930 3647). Tonight to Saturday, 8pm; £5.60 (£1 day membership). Kari Lloyd



Albert Hall, London, (01-589 8212). Tues, 7.30pm, £15, £25. ROYAL BALLET: Re-opens with Darcey Bussell in Prince of the Pagodas. Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240)

1068). Wed, 7.30pm, £1-£41. CARIMINA FLAMENCO: Spanish Denos Company headed by Mariano Torres. Barbican Hall, London EC2 (01-638 8891). Wed, 8pm, £5-£17.50.

HEADINGS Cris Cheek

THE POETRY SOCIETY: Top "Liverpool poet", Brian Patten, reads from his new book *Grinning Jack* (tonight); Ed Dom and Natan Zeeh: Dom's *Gunslinger* is one of the most challenging, downright enjoyable and achieved long poems to come from the US in the past 25 years. Alongside Israel's Biallik prize-winner (1981) (Tues).

The Poetry Society, 21 Earl's Court Square, SWS (01-370 6829). Tonight, 7.30pm; Tues, 7.30pm, £2.50 (£2 cones),

STEVEN PIMLOTT: Discusses Sunday in the Park With George. Lyttetton Theatre, South Bank SE1 (01-928 2252). Tonight, 6pm, £2.50.

THE VOICE BOX: Mountaineer and post, Andrew Graig, whose The Order of the Dey is a Poetry Book Society spring choice (tonight). Deborati Randell and John Sawell in New Voices series (Wed). The Voice Box, Festival Hall, South Bank, SEI (01-928 8800). Tonight, Wed, 7.30pm, £2.50 (£1.50 concs).

Show presenter Sera Dunant about her new novel, in the Red Kitchen, based on Cook (today); Christopher Priest in discussion with Nigel Floyd over his latest novel, *The Quiet Woman* (Tues). ICA. The Mail, London SW1 (01-830 3647), 1pm, £1.80 (pks £1 day

NICK INLAFE Mainstream acclaim for Birth Marks, his debut collection, published last year. Beeston Library, Foster Avenus, Beeston, Nottinghamshire (0602 255168). Tonight, 7.30pm, £2.50, (£1.50

HEXHAM: "Venge Hacemoe Une Fiesta": poetry and music for Oxfam's Central America benefit week (tomorrow); visiting writer Charles Murgoshi from Zimbaiswe (Mon). from Zimbebwe (Mon). Queen's Hall Arts Centre, Beaumont

Street, Hexham, Northumberland (0434 606787), Tomorrow, 8pm; Mon 2.30pm £3 (£2 concs).

IN THE POOTSTEPS OF EMILE ZOLA: A

one-day seminar for Zola eficionados, following the formation of The Emile Zola Queen'a Hotel, Norwood, Nr Crysta Palace (Information: 589 6211). Sat. 10am drinks, 11am seminar, 23.50.

THE HARD EDGE CLUB: This week features Ian Gideon, Lea Kendrick (visiting from California), Lindsay Macrae (ex-Angels of Fire). Harry Powell, Tony O'Bisney, MC Jo Cairo (Professor of Physical Linguistics, Penge University). The Red Lion (upsteins), 20 Great Windmill Street, W1 (01-791 0121). Mon, 8.30pm, £2.50 (£1 concs).

FERENC ASZMANN: Energetic, sharp and pithy poet performs his own rants Wooden Lambs, Barons Ale House, Comeragh Road, W14 (01-741 5523).

Tues, 8pm, free. DOCTOR S.W. FREEMAN: Scottist writer and critic discusses 18th century Edinburgh post Robert Fergusson. Poetry Association of Scotland, 27 George Square, Edinburgh (031 334 5241). Wed, 7.45pm, £1.

PERFORMANCE ART Ghislaine Boddington

true performer and witty and sharp writer. Annie Griffin gives an evening to laugh at and be challenged by. TAC2, 20-22 Highbury Corner, London N5 (01-700 5715). Tonight 7.30pm and 10pm (late bar), 25 in advence, 26 on door. Until April 19: weekly perfor-

ABOUT DIVERSE WOMEN IN TIME: Last events of a week of strong women performance artists and firm makers, teaturing Jame Parker, Tine Keene and Hannah O'Shea's "interception/intereassion", looking at Irish identity and gender. Film and video programme 10am-6pm daily in video studio.

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towards the earth they left 30 years ago.
The Graen Room, 54-56 Whitworth
Street West, Manchester (061 238 1677).
Tonight, Sprn, £3.80 (£2.80 concs).
ICA, The Mail, London SW1 (01-930

3647). Tues until March 31, 8pm, £5.60,

(£4.60 concs), plus £1 day membership.

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Roses. Three people battle it out in a

forest of roses shifting between the

The Green Room (as above). Tomorrow.

TRESTLE THEATRE COMPANY: Exec-

utive Stress. What starts out as s

mundane day's work in the "wonderful

plastic toy company" turns into an adventure of epic proportions. (see

Southampton and Northempton) Atso

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en Italian restaurant. (see Glasgow)
The Gantry, Blechynden Terrace,

Southempton (0703 229319). Tomorrow,

8pm £4.50 (£3.50 concs). Northampton Arts Centre, Booth Lane South, North-

ampton (0604 407544). Sat, 8pm, £4.50

(£2.50 concs). Trem Theatre, 63 Trongets, Glasgow (041 552 3748). Tonight-Sun, 7.30pm, £5 (£2 concs).

BLACK MIME THEATRE: Rainbox

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responses to it in the black community.
Little Brord School Theatre, Browning Road, Manor Park, London E12 (01-478 8024). Tonight, 7.30pm, £2 (£1 concs).
Most Community Centre, Lebester (0533 625705). Tomorrow, 7.30pm, £2.50 (£1.50 concs). West End Centre, Aldershot (0252 21158). Sat, 8pm, £3.95 (£3.45 members). Leigh Drame Centre, Leigh (0942 605258). Wed, 7.30pm, £2.50 (£1.25 concs).

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Broad look at schizophrenia and the

Sat 8pm, £3.80 (£2.80 concs).

dream end real.

MIME

3354). Until April 22, free.

portrait of a rebellious child in e restrictive society. Striking debut by director Ann Turner. on Court Road (01-636 6148) Metro (01-437 0757) Odeon Kensington (01-602

CONQUEST OF THE SOUTH POLE (12): imaginative Scottish version of Manfred Karge's play about unemployed youths finding new hope through (sntasy. Electric (01-792 2020).

Rough-and-ready black com about yuppies trying to hide their boss's demise. Andrew McCarthy. Jonathan Silverman. Odeona: West End (01-930 5252) Kensington (01-602 6644/5) Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905).

ENCOUNTER AT RAVEN'S GATE (15): Muddled science-fiction from young Australian film makers, with some decent visual effects. Cannons: Cheisee (01-352 5096) Oxford Street (01-636 0310) Prince

CURRENT

(18): Dynamic anti-Vietnam epic from Ofiver Stone, with Tom Cruise ent as paraplegic Ron Kovic. Carnden Parkway (01-267 7034) Carnons: Baker Street (01-935 9772) Fulham Road (01-370 2636) Empire (01-497 9999) Gate (01-727

CINEMA PARADISO (PG): Giuseppe Tornatore's nostalgic tale of a small Sicilian cinema; a hugely appealing salute to the movies. Curzon Maytair (01-465 8865).

DANCIN' THRU THE DARK (15): Willy Russell's thin but boisterous

ssica Tandy as the prickly Southern lady with a black chauffeur (Morgan Freeman). Warner (01-439 0791) Whiteley:

A DRY WHITE SEASON (15): Donald Sutherland wakes up to apartheid's horrors. Powerful thriller from André Brink's novel.

THE FABULOUS BAKER BOYS (15): Highly diverting fireworks between a blande singer (Michel Pfeiffer) and two cocktail pianists (Jeff and Beau Bridges).

♦FAMILY BUSINESS: Curate's egg comedy-drama about a family of crooks (Sean Connery, Dustin Carmon Panton Street (01-930) 0631) Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011) Camden Parkway (01-267 70341

● GLORY (15): Edward Zwick's impassioned salute to the black Americans who fought in the Civil War; powerful performances. Cannons: Chelses (01-352 5096) Shaftesbury Avarue (01-836 8861).

· HONEY, I SHRUNK THE KIDS

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's selection of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol () on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

ALWAYS (PG): Spielberg's plush but pointless remake of A Guy Named Joe with Richard Dreyfuss as a dead pilot returning to earth. Plaza (01-497 9999).

CELIA (15): Powerful Australian

WEEKEND AT BERNIE'S (12):

BORN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY 4043) Screen on the Green (01-226 3520) Whiteleys (01-792 3303).

comedy-musical set in a Liverpool dance hall.

Cannon Chelses (01-352 5096) 8148) Warner (01-439 0791) Whiteleys (01-792 3303/3324). OPRIVING MISS DAISY (U):

Accomplished, endearing. Cannon Shattesbury Avenue (01-836 8861) Minema (01-235 4225) reen on the Hill (01-435 3366) (01-792 3303/3324).

Curzon West End (01-439 4805).

Odeon Haymarket (01-839 7697).

(V): Minuscule children battle through their garden to safety. Engaging special effects romp.

Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905) Cannons: Panton Street (01-930 0631) Chelses (01-352 5086) iteleys (01-792 3303/3324).

THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALRA (15): Lorca's play about a widow and her six daughters; fine acting, but tedious cinema. Premiere (01-439 4470).

JESUS OF MONTREAL (18): Passion Play trouble in Montreal. Obvious but elegant sature from director Denys A Renoir (01-837 8402) Barbican (01-638 8891).

LIFE AND NOTHING BUT (PG): The smotional aftermath of the First World War, sensitively explored by director Bertrand Tavernier. Premiere (01-439 4470).

PARENTHOOD (12): Ron Howard's episodic heart-warmer about family life. Steve Martin heads 6 sterling cast. Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310) Plaza (01-497 9999).

PLAFFI: High-pitched satincal lunacy from Cuba, about s combative mother-in-law assai

ICA Cinema (01-930 3647). ♦ RENEGADES (15): Tough cop and bad boy team to rescue 6 sacred Indian spear. Lame thriller, starring Kiefer Sutherland. Cannons: Haymarket (01-839 1527) Fulham Road (01-370 2636) Oxford Street (01-636 0310).

SEA OF LOVE (18): Cop (Al Pacino) and murder suspect (Ellen Barkin) fall in Iova. Atmospheric, aunchy thriller. Cannons: Baker Street (01-935 9772) Oxford Street (01-636 0310) Plaza (01-497 9999) Notting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705) Whiteleys

(01-792 3303(3324) ◆ SHADOW MAKERS (12): Roland Joffe's compelling account of Oppenheimer (Dwight Schultz) perfecting the atom bomb; Paul Newman towers on the sidelines. Empire (01-497 9999) Cannons:

Fulham Road (01-370 2636) Oxford Street (01-636 0310). ♦ STEEL MAGNOLIAS (PG): Female gossip and tears Down South, Overly-sentimental, though some performers please (Julia Roberts, Olympia Dukakis). Odeons: Kensington (01-602 6644/5) Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905) Cannons: Cheisea (01-352

5096) Haymarkat (01-839 1527)

Whiteleys (01-792 3303/3324). THE SUMMER OF AVIYA (PG): Eli Cohen's prize-winning film about s young girl facing up to the Phoenix (01-883 2233).

TROP BELLE POUR TOH (18): Gérard Depardieu toys between his wife and mistress. Skilful saure on marital mores from Bertrand Blier. Camden Plaza (01-485 2443) Chelsea Cinems (01-351 3742) Lumiere (01-836 0691).

◆ THE WAR OF THE ROSES (15): A perfect marriage self-destructs violently. Exhausting black comedy, with Michael Douglas and Kathleen Odeon Leicester Square (01-930

WHEN HARRY MET SALLY (15): Romantic comedy with a brittle touch. Meg Ryan, Billy Crystal. Cannona: Chelsea (01-352 5096) Piccadilly (01-437 3561) Odeon n (Q1-602 6644/5) Whiteleys (01-792 3303/3324)

IN REPERTORY

Warner (01-439 0791).

NATIONAL FILM THEATRE (01-928 3535): Joseph Losey's brooding melodrama Eva, Cruise and Newman in Scorsese's The Colour

RITZY (01-737 2121): Ichikawa's dazzling period drama * An Actor's Revenge.

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By Raymand Keene, Chess Correspondent

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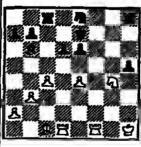
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• TECX (ITV, 9.00pm) is made by a British company, Central Television, based in Birmingham and Nottingham, and concerns a detective agency, based in Brussels, set up by an Englishman and an Italian. They are assisted by a German (played by an Austrian actress) and work for a law firm rue by a



and Urbano Barberini (ITV, 9.00pm)

Frenchwoman. The only thing missing from this transparent attempt to boost Central's overseas sales is an American element, although Jenny Agutter (who turns up next week) lives in California. For all its cosmopolitan pretensions, bowever, TECX is largely studio-based and, establishing shots of Brussels outwithstanding, has a dislocated feel. Tonight's story has our sleuths iovestigating an oil tanker fire which looks suspiciously like an insurance fraud. The plotting is predictable and the dialogue full of phrases such as: "Suspicioo is oot enough, find me some evidence". The putative villaio is Dutch, although whether this will help sales in The Netherlands must be a moot point.

 A 10-part series on the enduring legacy of ancient Greece, Greek Fire (Channel 4, 11.30pm) warms to its theme with a mixed bag of references, from the Apollo space rocket to the town of Sparta, Wisconsin, and Freud's Oedipus compiex. A meandering and sententious commentary is brought down to earth by the contributions of academics including Sir Kenneth Dover and Professor George Steiner. The programme should be on firmer ground from next week when it begies tackling specific topics, such as

science, religion, politics and war. An intriguing 40 Minutes film, Many Happy Returns! (BBC2, 9.30pm), is about two children who claim to have had a previous life. Nicola, from Yorkshire, insists that she was once a boy and describes in authentic detail playing with a dog by the railway track. Titu, a six-year-old from lodia, says he was ; married with two children and ran a radio shop. The programme follows up both stories and finds a surprising amount of corroboration.

• Small Objects of Desire (BBC2, 10.10pm) charts the rise of the answerphone from the two-and-a-half hundredweight monsters of the early 1950s to today's slimline models. It seems that many of us, confronted by a tape, still freeze and fail to go through with the call. It's called technophobia.

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6.00 Ceefax.
6.30 BBC Breakfast News with
Nicholas Witchell and Laurie Mayer.
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10.25 Children's BBC, introduced by Simon Parkin, begins with Playdays at the Patch Stop (r) 10.50 Jimbo and the Jet Set (r) 10.55 Five to Eleven. Edward Petherbridge with a reading

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11.00 News and weather followed by Open Air presented by Eamonn Holmes and Jayne Irving

12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live. Alan Trichmarsh visits Alexandra Palace, the birthplace of world television, and talks to Bernard Greenhead, one of the first engineers to work there 12.55 Regional news end weather

1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather

1.30 Neighbours. It is Christmas in Ramsay Street and Mark and Jane give everyone a reason to celebrate; and Henry makes one last

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celebrate; and Henry makes one last desperate attempt to win Bronwyn's affection (Ceefax)

1.50 Going for Gold. Henry Kelly Introduces the grand final of the European gutz show

2.15 Film: The Strawberry Blonde (1941 b/w) starring James Cagney, Olivis De Hevilland and Rita Hayworth. Romantic comedy set in the late 19th century about a dentist who comes face to tace with the man who rivalled him for the affections of a blonde woman 10 years earlier. Directed by Raoul Welsh

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3.50 Charlie Chalk (r) 4.05 New Yogi
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7.00 Top of the Pops presented by
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Gary Davies (simultaneous broadcast with Radio 1) 7.30 EastEnders, Ian and Cindy are on the move; there is chaos when the Mitchells decide the market must relocate; and st last there is news of Diane (Cesfax) Tomorrow's World. Includes a report on Brazil's efforts to

safeguard the future of its rainforests, and a look at a new videodisc being compiled by the Department of Transport, With Judith Henn, Kate Bellingham, Howard Stableford and Peter Macann 8.30 Brush Stokes. Jacko meets Lucia's family at her birthday party and agrees to arrange a blind date for her uncle with Veronica, and

Lesley starts work at Elmo's wine bar (Ceetax) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Regional news and weather 9.30 Budgot 1990. Alan Beith, MP, makes a statement on behalf of the

9.40 Ben Elton - The Man from Auntie. The fast-talking comedian touches on more topical and

omical subjects 10.10 Question Time. Peter Sissons is joined by Lord Bonham-Carter, Foreign Affairs spokesman for the Liberal Democrats in the House of Lords; Sarah Hogg, Economics Editor of the Daily Telegraph; Nicholas Ridley, MP, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry; and John Smith MP, Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer

11.10 Cagney and Lacey. When they investigate e strange death, Mery Beth and Chris discover a pornographic movie in the making. However, Chris does not share her partner'e enthusiasm for unearthing witnesses. Starring Tyne Daly end Sharon Gless (r) 12.00 Weather

E TRALONDON ---

6.00 TV-am begins with Good Morning Britain presented by Richard Keya and, from 7.00, by Mike Morris and Lorraine Kelly. With news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00. After Nine includes Claire Rayner with advice on viewers' emotional problems

9.25 The Pyramid Game 9.55 Thames
News and weather.
10.00 The Time. . . The Place. . . Anna
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10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes problems facing the over-60s; helping children learn to read; and soap operas. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.35 followed by national weather. Today's Coffee Time guest is Callian Pinckney. the originator of Pinckney, the originator of

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12.00 Find a Family, Shirley Anne Field introduces Paul and his sister, Gemma, from Yorkshire

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12.30 Home and Away. When Fisher
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1.00 News at One with John Suchet.
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3.00 Win, Lose or Draw 3.25 Thames
News and weather 3.30 Sons and
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4.00 Hot Dog 4.15 The Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin (r)
4.40 Press Gang: The Rest of My Life.
An explosion at a record shop gives the Junior Gazette the chance to cover a powerful news story (Oracle)
5.10 Blockbusters
5.40 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather

6.30 Find e Family. An update on Paul and Gemma

Emmerdale. The Tates are
unprepared for the drama which
takes place at the Hunt Ball; and
Nick is determined to make a good
impression on Elsa's mother

7.30 Science Fiction: Nature's Morphine. The attempts of two scientists in Aberdeen to discover

"substance X", a natural morphine produced in the brain 0.00 The Bill: Growing Pains, When Roach, Carver and Dashwood are sent to investigate a report of an intruder at an electronics factory they discover that equipment on the premises can be used for military

purposes (Oracle)
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against the poll tax is having on s.oo TECX: Deep Water. (see Choice) (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and

Julia Somerville, Weather 10.30
Thames News and weather
10.35 Budget 90. Alan Beith, MP, of the
Liberal Democrats, talks about the

Budget

10.45 The City Programme, Includes a report on the changing face of the brewing industry, and an interview with Norman Lamont, the Treasury Secretary, on the Budget

11.15 01-For London. Includes reviews of Tango and Cash, starring Sylvester Stallone and Kurt Russell, and Steven Spielberg's new film, Always. Presented by Richard Jobson, Mark Webster and Enga Atlant Colleged by Fiona Adam. Followed by

11.50 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Meg reports the condition of the Summers children to Child Weifare; and Judy escapes but her plans to get to America are ruined when she receives an important letter

12.40 The Mid-Staffordshire By-Election with Alastair Burnet and John Suchet. There will be live coverage from the Civic Centre in Lichfield when the result is announced

1.10 Contacts presented by Trevor Ward and Josephine Buchan 1.40 Superstars of Wrestling 2.40 Celebrity. The final part of the

drame starring Michael Beck, Joseph Bottoms and Ben Masters. At the height of their careers, Mack, Kleber and TJ are reunited (r)
4.35 America's Top Ten (r)
5.10 ITN Moming News with Richard
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6.45 Open University: Innovation and Coal. Ends at 7.10 0.00 News. 8.15 Westmir

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secretly sets up a rival all-female taxi
firm. Directed by Gerald Thomas
7.30 9 If 5. A unique way to avoid
commuting is investigated
8.00 Yes Minister (r)
8.30 Nature. Includes a report on the
possible risks to people living near
high-voltage power lines
9.00 French and Saunders. All is
revealed in What Ever Happened to
Baby Dawn? With Kirsty McColl
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HTV WALES As HTV West except 8.00-Wales and Westminster 10.45 Wales This Week 11.15 Rugby 11.45 Better Late 12.15 am - 12.45 Cover Story

4.00 News 4.05 Bookshelf: Mary Wesley

had her first novel publish at the age of 70 and has since written one a year. Nigel Fords talks to her about her latest book, A Sensible Life (Kaleidoscope (sl (r))

4.35 Kaleidoscope (sl (r) 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecas

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8.00 Analysis: New Blood for e
New Age. Professor A.H.
Haisley assesses the
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generation of young people as the UK'e population agai 8.45 Does He Take Sugar? The

Gatwick airport

9.15 Kaleidoscope: Inoludes
Margaret Forster on

magazine for people with disabilities reports on the fate of the Independent Living Fund; and facilities for disabled travellers at

Kingsley Amis's new book The Folk That Lived on the

production of John Brown

9.45 The Financial World Tonight
9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.35 The Budget: A statement on
behalf of the Liberal
Democrate by Alea Beith

10.45 A Book At Bedtime: The

11.00 Exit Lines: Part 2: What Does It Signify? A five part dramatization of Reginald Hill's detective story, With Donald Gee and Philip

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Colour of Blood, by Bnan Moore (9 of 10)

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GHANNEL A.... 6.00 The Channel Four Daily

9.25 Schools
12.00 The Parliament Programme
12.30 Business Daily
1.00 Seame Street with guest Richard
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The results My Dance is Complete.

Dawson

2.00 Bhagwan: My Dance is Complete.
A documentary on the controversal guru, Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, who died recently. Deported from America, he re-settled in India, where a huge following, mostly white foreigners, gathered to hear him speak (r)

2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Doncester begins at 2.35 with the Philip Cornes Brocklesby Stakes; 3.05
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Introduced by Derek Thompson, with commentary by Graham Goode, John Caksey and Jim McGrath.

4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers quiz hosted by Richard Whiteley

8.00 Tressure Hunt in Kent (r). (Oracle)

6.00 Neet and Tidy. In the last episode of the series enemies chase Tena and Nick across high seas, but Nick is more concerned with his Nick is more concerned with his powers of attraction (r)
6.30 Kete and Allie. Allie joins a

6.30 Kate and Allie. Alie joins a political campaign, but it seems she is more interested in the candidate than his policies (r)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawl
7.50 Comment followed by Weather
0.00 Greek Fire: Source — Know Thyself (see Choice)
8.30 The Crystal Maze. Six more contestants endeavour to overcome as many obstacles as possible in the adventure game with Richard O'Brien

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9.30 Film: Vroom (1988) starring Clive Owen, David Thewils and Diana Quick. Three friends leave the north to chase their dreams. Directed by Beeban Kidron (Oracle)

11.10 Michael Powell. Melvyn Bragg presents a profile of the film-maker who died last month (r)

12.15am Film: Fontamera (1980) starring Michele Placido and Antonello Murgia. Drama about a poverty-striken Italian hill village in the 1920s. Directed by Carlo Lizzani, Italian dialogue with English subtitles. Ends at 2.45

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Another World 12.50pm As The World Turns 1.45 Loving 2.15 A Problem Shared 2.45 Here's Lucy 3.15 Challenge For The Gobots 3.45 Mystery Island
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 3.00 Blind Sunday: A teenager attempts to understand his girlfriend's blindness
 4.00 Yog! Bear and the Magic Flight of the Spruce Goose: Animated adventure
 8.00 Date with an Angel (1987): An angel lands in Michael Knight's pool
 7.40 Entertainment Tonight
 8.00 Back to School (1985): A millionaire (Rodney Dangerfield) joins his son at school
 9.40 Projector: Movies on Sky
 10.00 No Way Out (1987): Kevin
 Costner as a naval officer who shares a lover (Sean Young) with the US Defence Secretary (Gene Hackman)
 12.00 Beyond the Time Barrier (1960): An army pilot finds himself stranded in a post-holocaust future world
 1.30am Allen (1979): The crew of a cargo ship become the prey of an alien creature. With Sigourney Weaver
 4.00 Chariots of Fire (1961): True-life drama, set in and around the 1924 Olympic Segmes Ends et 6.00cm. drama, set in and around the 1924 Olympic Games. Ends at **6.00am**

EUROSPORT

5.00am As Sky One 5.30 Menu 9.00 Trans World Sport 10.00 Basketball 12.00 Boxing 1.30pm Football 3.00 Three-Cushion Biliards 4.00 Basketball 6.00 Mobil 1 Motor Sport News 6.30 Batthion 7.30 Basketball 9.30 Ford Snow Report 9.32 Boxing: Glenn McCrory v Jeff Lampidn, IBF World Cruiserweight fight 11.30 Snooker

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6.00am Kristiane Backer 11.00
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Greatest Hits 6.30 The Big Picture 7.00
Saturday Night Live 7.30 Club MTV
8.00 Spotlight: Wet Wet Wet 8.30
Headbangers Ball 10.00 Coca-Cola
Report 10.15 Maiken Wexo 1.00am

SCREENSPORT

7.00mm Powersports 8.00 A Game from the '89 Baseball World Series 10.30 Drag Racing 11.30 Rugby League 1.00pm Boxing 2.30 Basketball 4.00 Football 6.00 Rugby League 7.30
Argentinian Football 8.30 World Rally
Championships 9.30 Pro Bowlers 10.
Basketball 12.15am Horse Racing

LIFESTYLE

10.00mm Fitness Minute 10.01 Search for Tomorrow 10.30 We're Cooking Now 10.55 Spain Spain Cookery 11.00 Coffee Break 11.10 Edge of the Night 11.35 Great American Gameshows
12.50pm Style File 12.55 The Very Best of
Sally Jessy Raphael 1.50 The Rich Also
Cry 2.40 Search for Tomorrow 3.05 Tea
Break 3.10 Cinema 4.45 Great

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RADIO 3

RADIO 1 FM Stereo and MW News on the half-hour from 3.30am until 4.30pm, then at 7.30, 8.30 and 10.00pm 5.00am Jakid Brambles 6.30 Sinon Mayo 9.30 Simon Bares 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News 90 6.00 Philip Schofield 7.00 Top of the Pops (with BBC1) 7.30 Philip Schofield 8.30 John Peel 10.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00-2.00am Richard Skinner

RADIO 2

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6.35am Open University (FM only)
6.55 Weather and News
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7.00 Morning Concert: Corelli (Concerto grosso in C minor, Op 6 No 3: Franz Liszt CO under Rolla); Monteverdi (Dixit Donimus: Teverner Consort and Players under Andrew Parrott): Vivaidi (Conc C for mandoline, strings and continuo, RV 425: Parley of instruments under Goodman, with Robin

7.30 News
7.35 Moming Concert (cont):
Liszt, orch Doppler and
Liszt (Hungarian Rhapsody
No 2: Leipzig Gewandhaus
Orchestra under Kurt
Masur); Brahms (Scherzo in E flat minor); Beethoven (Bacatelle, Op 119 No 6: Stephen Bishop-Kovacevich, piano); Schubert (Symphony No S in B flat: CO Europe under

8.30 New5 8.35 Composers of the Week: Scandinavan Season.
Stenhammar (Overture,
Excelsor!, Op 13, 1896;
Gothenburg SO under Järvi;
Scherzo, Piano Concerto
No 1 in B flat minor, 1893, reconstructed by Kuff Atterberg: Gothenburg SO under Duton; Florez and Blanzeflor, Op 3, 1891: wedsh RSO under Stig Westerberg, with Ingvar Wrxell, bantone: String Cuartet No 4 in A minor, Op 25: Gotland Quartet)

9.35 Langham CO under Charles Groves performs Lennox Berkeley (Windsor Variations): Strauss (Overture and Dance Scene 'Ariadné auf Naxos'); Op 14) 10.15 Delus (Cynara: RPO under

Erc Fenby, with Thomas Allen, baritone: Fantasto Dance for orchestra)

10.30 Fine Arts Brass Ensemble performs Henry VIII, Pastime with Good Company: William Mathias (Soundings); Pazel (Three Sonatinas); Adnan Williams (A Tellhand Meditation inst proecicesti

11.10 James Gibb Plays Schubert (Three Plano Pieces, D 946) (r)
11.46 BBC Scottish Symphony
Orchestra under Leopold
Hagor, with Raphael
Wallisch, cello, performs
Smetana (Overture, The
Bartarea Brose); Martinu
(Cello Concerto No 1);
Martinu Cello Concerto No 1);

Mozart (Postnom Serenade)

1.00pm News
1.03 Bristol Lunchtime Concert:
The last of six concerts live from St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol. Gyorgy Pauk, violin, and Roger Vignoles, plano, perform Mozart (Viotin Sonata in G, K 301); William Mathias (Violin Sonata No 2, Op 94); Bartick (Rhapsody No 2, Sz 89)
2.00 Temerlano: English Barroque Soloists under John Eliot Gardiner, with Michael Chance, counter-senor, Nigel Robson, tenor, Derek Nigel Robson, tenor, Derek Ragin, counter-tenor, Nancy Argenta, soprano, Jane Findiay, mezzo-soprano, and René Schriffer, bassand Herie Schmitt, Jass-baritone, perform this opera seria in three acts, with libretto by Nicola Haym and music by Handel, Sung In

5.30 Mainly for Pleasure with Valentine Cunningham

Valentine Curamagness
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: James Naughtie
talks to Luciano Pavarotti
(see Choice)
7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra
under Andrew Davis, led by
Bela Dekany, performs
Sibelius (Fintandia); Nielsen
(Symphony No 4 "Inextinguishable"); Sibelius
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(Symphony No 2).
Scandinavian Season
9.10 Music in Our Time: Richard
Stelnitz Introduces a special
two-part eddon. Lontano
under Odaline de la
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unogr Ocaline de la Martinez, with Peter Hall, tenor, performs John Buller (Towards Aquartus, for ensemble and tape); Michael Torke (Adjustable : Wrench — first UK broadcast); Stephen Albert (Into Eclipse, for tenor and ensemble – first UK broadcast) 10.15 Richard Stenitz chairs e discussion on the topic of contemporary music's styles and schools, its factions and followings questioned by the audien the attended this concert.

contributions from composers whose music covers a wide range of style and expression, including Anthony Gilbert, David Bedford, James Dillon, coner Fox and Stephen Montague 11.00 Composers of the Week: Bentzon and Larsson Larsson (Pastoral Surta, Op 19; Variations for orchestra. Op 50); Bentzon (Piano

Sonata No 6, Op 90) (r)

12.00 News 12.05am Close

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RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FM
5.55ans Sripping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing; Weather
6.10 Farming Today 6.25
Prayer for the Day (s) 6.30
Today, with John Humphrys
and Brian Radhead, incl
6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00,
8.30 News 6.55, 7.55
Weather 8.35 Yesterday in
Parliament 8.57 Weather
9.00 News

9.00 News 9.05 Punters: An opportunity for isseners to report on life's problems, injustices and quirks. With Susan Marling 9.45 Letter From ... Israel: Four talks by foreign correspondents. The BBC's Jerusalem correspondent Gerald Butt on the Arab-

Israeli conflict (r) israeli conflict (r)
10.00 News; The Natural History
Programme: Fergus Keeling
end Jassuca Holm visit the
rare Great Bustards et Whiosnade Zoo

10.45 An Act of Worship 11.00 News; Citzens 11.25 Turbulent Priests: The Rev Dr Edward Norman talks to four controversial clerics about the principles and beliefs which motivate the beliefs which motivate them. Part 2: Rabbi Meir Kehane, leader of the Kach Party in Israel 11.50 First Person: Series of talks

Oy first-time broadcasters. The nature of Englishness is retlected on by Persian painter Saadi Haeri 12.00 News: You and Yours with John Waite
12.25pm Smiley's People: Seven
part dramatization of John
Le Carre's novel, With
Bernard Hepton as George

Smiley (6) (r) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World At One with James Naughtie 1,40 The Archers (r) 1.55

Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Woman's Hour:
Presented by Jenni Murray,
Includes a feature on the lack of sponsorship offered to the sport of judo in this country; and an item on the art of the accompa art or the accompanist
3.00 News: Foreign Bodies: Play
by Jettrey Wyn Thomas.
Getting away from it all
along the coast of New
Zealand seems to be a cood idea. But the wildness

Jackson (s)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20
Weather 12.33 Shipping of it all can be catching . With Melanie Walters as Sandra, Dorien Thomas as David and Peter Dahlsen as

11.00-12.00 For Schools (s) 1.55pm Listening Corner (s) 2.05-3.00 For Schools (s) 5.50-5.55 PM (cont) 11.30-12.10am Open University: Education for Adults - Paulo Freire 12.30-1.10 (London area FM-104.8.) Radio 2: 693kHz/235m;1089kHz/275m;FM-97.6-99.8. (London area FM-104.8.) Radio 2: 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94.6. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. Greater London Radio: 1458kHz/205m; FM 94.9; World Service: MW 648kHz/463m.

Forecast FM as LW except: 9.05-1 45am For Schools (s)

RADIO CHOICE

Peter Davalle

 James Neughtie, whose political interviewer's hat is a good fit, is increasingly exchanging it for ooe that sits equally comfortably on him, the opera buff's. In Third Ear (Radio 3, 7.05pm), he copes well with the quicksilver persocality of Luciaco Pavarotti, even though his

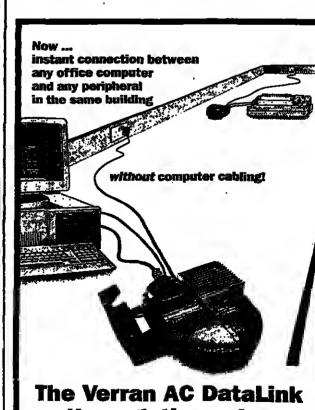


Luciano Pavarotti: quicksilver personality (Radio 3, 7.05pm)

tested when he tries to get the tenor to reveal what the "surprisiog role" is that he says he has agreed to sing. "I don't tell you!", says the formidable Italian. "I don't describe! It is surprising!" Naughtie persists. Pavarotti resists. "Finito!", he declares with operatic finality, though he has to repeat it three times before Naughtie eventually throws to the sponge. · Even more than most of Alexander Walker's previous portraits in Film Star, his assessment tonight of Trevor Howard (Radio 4, 6.30pm)

has the dimensions of an essay, elegantly structured and wittily perceptive. Two ran-dom examples. Howard's village priest in Ryan's Daughter is represented as "looking somehow barnacled, as if he had been anchored in one place for a long time." And could there be a more definitive judgment oo Brief Encounter that Walker's? ("Clever Noël Coward knew that carnal knowledge doesn't have as long a shelf life as

middle-class guilt").



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The Czechoslovakian Embassy in London was easer to explain yesterday that President Havel's compatriots were greeting a principle rather than adulating a hero.

If it is possible to lay out a red carpet for an idea, then those compatriots put down enough for a whole school of. philosophy. This was manifested not in flas waving crowds but in the flood of applications to be at one of his tightly scheduled appearances on his three-day visit. When he speaks to an audience of 700 at London University this afternoon, for example, there will be twice as many who

have been disappointed. Mr Havel, the man, arrived at Heathrow in the colourless English morning at 9.53; Havel, the idea, has been around since the early 1960s, when his plays began to be internation-

By the time the Czechoslovak leader arrived at the main gate of Buckingham Palace to keep his hunch appointment with the Queen yesterday, the waiting throng of his countrywomen said more with the wild brightness of their traditional Slovakian and Moravian costumes than the most articulate of welcome

messages could convey.

Mrs Vera Barker, who has lived in England for 16 years, had come from Folkestone to catch a glimpse of her country's leader. "I don't have the words," she said, but there was all the eloquence she needed in her tears.

"This man can make people laugh," she said. "After 42 years of communism, he can make people laugh. He is the best President it is possible for us to have. I sove his prays, and still I have to say that he is a better President than a playwright. How can he take it in? I don't know . .

Physically, Mr Havel looked tanned and robust, an intellectual scrum half, even if a closer look does reveal fatigue-gouged crescents be-neath the eyes. He was conspicuously smart in a dark business suit and overcoat, but perhaps not fully at home

There are 10 Czechoslovakians in his entourage, including Mr Karel Duda, the Ambassador to London, and his wife, and Mr Alexander Vondra, the presidential



A hero's welcome: President Havel being greeted by his compatriets outside Farm Street Church in Mayfair, and later in the day with Mrs Thatcher.



not accompanied by his wife, the famous recipient of his Letters To Olga written while he was in prison as a dissident under the old regime.

Instead of going straight to ence with the Queen yesterday afternoon, Mr Havel stopped off at Farm Street Church in Mayfair, where he was welcomed, to long and vigourous applause, by a mainly Czecho-slovakian Catholic congregation and Sir Bernard Braine, the MP who played an important part in securing his release from prison last year.

Mr Havel's 15-minute visit to the church was one of the best kept Czech secrets in town yesterday; in contrast to the packed house at the In-Mr Havel is said to have stitute for Contemporary Art taken a close interest in the where he launched the East



empty. "We found out about one of his plays. it last month through the priest at Farm Street," said Libuse Burke, who came from Czechosłovakia to live in Eng-land in 1972. "We get a newsletter every month, and

this was announced in it."

European Forum last night, here was 22 years ago, when he in 1923, when Masaryk paid a presidential himousine was almost half the pews were came to see a production of visit five years after the empty. "We found out about one of his plays. foundation of the republic.

> This time, however, he has neither the time nor, if the who said something like truth were to he told, the Czechoslovakia is a small fardesire to see his Vanek trilogy, away country of which we which is at the Lyric Studio know httle," said Mrs Barker. desire to see his Vanek trilogy, Theatre in Hammersmith.

"It was your Mr Churchill

"Vaclay Havel," she added, The last time a Czech "is showing everyone that this The last time Mr Havel was President was in Britain was is no longer true." By now the

gliding towards Downing Street through Parliament Square putting its occupant within spitting distance of the huge, glowering statue of Churchill which looms crossly

Thatcher plea, page 8 Forum split, page 9

Political sketch

'Desperate Dan' pale with anger

Nigel Lawson increasingly resembles a portly version of The Beano comic's Desperate Dan. All week he has been sitting on the Commons backbenches wreathed in a six-o'clock shadow and what The Beano would have pictured as an angry black cloud in a little bubble, just above his head. Something has made him very, very cross. But it has been a silent

anger. He has said nothing. Until yesterday, when John Smith (Shadow Chancellor) stung him beyond endurance. Mr Smith was opening the Budget debate. With his customary double-edged good-humour he congratulated the Chancellor on removing the tax on workplace nurseries "introduced by Mr Lawson in 1985".

This was too much for Mr Lawson. He shook his head violently. "No. Not so!" he grunted at colleagues to either side; and made as if to get to his feet. Then he thought better of it and, still shaking

his head, sank angrily back.

I do not know if ex-Chancellors of the Exchequer have mummies but, if they do, their mummies will have told them to be dignified, rise above taunts, and on no account to get drawn into self-justificatory squabbles about things which are past.

But it was no use. Lawson just couldn't let it go. Repenting his restraint, he now rose, scowling at Mr Smith. "Will he give way?" Mr

Smith did give way. "I at no time introduced a tax on workplace nurseries," he rumbled, in a shouted mutter that has been Mr Lawson's special contribution to parliamentary discourse. What had happened, he said, was that in his reign the long-standing tax on "benefits in kind" (which no government had repealed) had been interpreted as including workplace nurser-

Mr Lawson sat down again, still pale with anger. Mr Smith rose once more. Oh well, he said, Mr Lawson may not have invented the tax but he never repealed it either.

Charged in the first instance with having done those things which he ought not to have done, Mr Lawson now found the indictment altered nimbly in mid-trial to the charge of having not done

those things which he ought to have done: an altogether different affair. He shifted irritably in his scatt decided to let it drop, and started taking notes furiously. Or perhaps he was working our his tax position after the Budget? He needn't bother.

He is not in the target group of key voters which Mr Major's measures are designed to seduce: blind, pipesmoking, non-tax-paying working mothers with joint savings of less than £16,000 invested in composite-rate savings accounts.

Mr Smith moved on to examine a passage in Mr Major's Budget speech which he described as "ominous" and little-noticed, and which on re-reading strikes your sketchwriter as it has struck Mr Smith. "The downtum" (Smith was quoting Major) may be quite sharp."

Every good speech, and many a good novel, contains a passage which is really in soul. It may be quite short, It may not have been the an-thor's conscious intention to give it significance. But - hie a centre of gravity - once found, illuminates the rest.

In drafting that passage into a Budget which could be judged to have hung upon it, I think the Chancellor had taken to heart the thought once expressed by a governor of the US Federal Reserve Bank. Economic manage ment, he said, was like builing along a brick on the end of piece of elastic. "You pull, and pull, and nothing happens. You give one extra tag and the damn thing flies up

and hits you in the face." 1 remember interviewing Mr Lawson as Chanceller, just after the 1987 crash. The experts had eyes only for the deflationary horrors of the 30s crash, and my Weekend World research team had primed me to "hit Lawson hard" with the danger of recession and the need to "reflate". He did. The brick hit him.

And now the clever financial people have eyes only for the reflationary errors of 88, and are giving Mr Major the opposite advice to what they urged on Mr Lawson. The Chancellor, perhaps, has had his eye, warily, on a

Matthew Parris

different brick.

York University students' union funds abortions

Free abortions for undergraduates are me rolk omiacism students' union to bypass queues for National Health service clinics.

The abortions, which cost up to £180, are paid for out of the union's funds, most of which come from the Government via the university block

terday that the policy, which has been operating for two years, is a natural part of its welfare policy but the scheme has been bitterly criticized by

Although the news is likely to rekindle the controversy over how student unions spend government grants, the York union is unlikely to have broken the law which merely

insists that funds should be spent on the service every term, but refused to organizations.

bers, has set aside a trust fund anti-abortion campaigners. carried out quickly. Miss Amanda Cleeman said that a

students and not on other people or say how many. The union, which has 4,000 mem-

controlled by student officers, so that any woman at the college who wants an abortion can have the operation

number of women took advantage of

WEATHER

ABROAD

much colder, particularly on Saturday.

She defended the policy saying: "It is an extremely traumatic experience for a student to have an unwanted pregnancy. We want to relieve their CACCESS STIESS.

"We do not encourage students to have abortions, but it is a fact of life. We simply want to help our students,"

ers throughout the British Isles. Showers are most likely in north Wales, north-west England, Northern Ireland and Scotland. They are likely to be heavy and wintry on the hills in north and west Scotland. Northern Scotland will be windy with persistent rain later. Outlook: Becoming unsettled and

Three die in Romania clashes

Continued from page 1 night before tanks were brought in to separate them. A streets yesterday morning British photographer, Mr Kevin Harvey, was beaten and

taken to hospital Mr Gelu Voican, the Deputy Prime Minister, inspected the area of the fighting and

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shine and scattered show-

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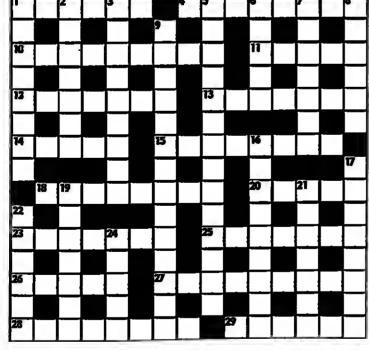
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factories were closed. The presence of the army did not prevent isolated scuffles in the elegant "Square of Roses", where the hard core of almost said he was hoping to calm the 1,000 Hungarian protesters situation and create "a spirit remained. Military sources

Thousands appeared in the stabbed and slightly wounded. Mr George Patrescu, secprovisional council, said President Iliescu had promised to come to the town once the waters have cleared".

Alarm grows, page 9

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,248



ACROSS

1 Large lady giving offence — in double Dutch? (6)

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Scattered opponents after fight 9 "... if it's only idle chatter of a kind" (Patience) (14)

16 Dissipated, more than exhausted (9) 17 Mother sometimes held in deep

respect (8)

19 Crichton wants to be the senior officer (7) Extra generous before parting (7) Impulsive young officer assist-ing in plan (6)

24 I severely criticize religion (5)

WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Philip Heward FENNEC a. A tangy herb b. A big-eared fox c. A swamp drain WHID

2. Part of a bridle DURGAN b. A couces c. A type of Saxon vanities ANTA a. An elided vowel A square pilaster
 An olive oil flask

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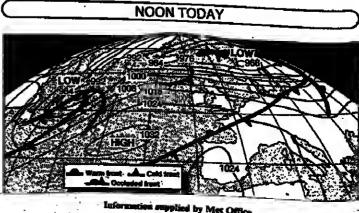
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SPORT 39-44

The gloves are off in Bond

Street. The sustained downturn in consumer spending means that even the luxury

bouses staffed by pencil-thin

women in immaculate suits

are feeling the pinch, and the battle is on for those well-heeled shoppers who think nothing of spending £4.810 on

an Elsa Peretti gold bone cuff. Miss Rosamond Monckton.

managing director of Tiffany & Co in Bond Street, says she

initially thought that once she had struggled to find a suitable

property and opened the Tif-

fany shop three-and-a-half

years ago, she would be able to

sit back and watch the cus-tomers come flooding in.

This did not prove to be the case. "It's lethal out there," is

Miss Monckion's description

of London's most expensive

shopping street.

Tiffany's latest idea to attract more husiness is to set up

"The Tiffany Touch," a home

shopping service for those

potential customers who, in

Miss Monckton's words, are

The service will be run by Mrs Fiona Ward, fresh from

Fifth Avenue where she man-

aged the New York home

shopping service for Tiffany.

The idea is that husy, young,

City chaps will keep some of

their personal stationery at the

shop, along with a list of their

beloved's anniversaries, ring

sizes and preferences. Cus-

tomers can telephone their requests and Tiffany will de-

liver the gift to the office. But aficionados of Tiffany

need not fear that the com-

pany is returning to the days

when it was a not too success-

ful subsidiary of the door-to-

door cosmetics company

Avon. "One doesn't have to

be a millionaire to open an

account" says Mrs Ward,

although clearly Tiffany's

would like it if you are. Better

still if you are Japanese. On

Bond Street the word is that

the spending power of one

Japanese customer is equal to

three Arah customers, five

American customers or 20

The Japanese shoppers at

the Chanel boutique in Paris are each limited to buying

three of the distinctive quilted handbags because of the de-

make up more than 5 per cent

of Tiffany's customers and

their preferences are scarves,

Tiffany's sales in Britain for

the year to February 1990

were £4 million, up 40 per cent

on the previous year, and the

shop is looking for 20 per cent

Mrs Ward expects to build

up a client list of about 100

and would like the home shop-

ping service to have sales of

between £60,000 or £100,000

sales growth this year.

British customers.

mand for them.

modern jewellery.

simply "too husy to shop."

THURSDAY MARCH 22 1990

Executive Editor David Brewerton

THE POUND

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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share 1771.4 (-6.2) FT-SE 100 2250.3 (-9.4)

USM (Datastream)

Market report, page 30

BP 'could help Opec'

British Petroleum and other international oil companies could give financial help and technical assistance to state oil companies in Opec member countries, says Mr Robert Horton, BP's new chairman.

He fears a shortage of oil in three or four years because some. Opec countries lack resources to develop reserves.

Horton challenge, page 28

Laporte ahead Profits at Laporte rose 17 per cent to £100 million before tax and exceptional items in the

year to December on sales up a fifth at £617 million. A final dividend up 2p at 10.7p makes 16.5p, up a fifth.

Bowthorpe up Bowthorpe Holdings lifted pre-tax profits 11 per cent in the year to end-December to

£44.5 million. A final dividend of 3.59p makes 5p (4p).

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Sterling slips on Budget inflation fear

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

gilts all fell sharply yesterday, in reaction to the Budget, which was seen as having done too little to tighten policy on inflation.

Sterling hit a new low since the resignation of the previous Chancellor of 85.3 on the effective rate index, despite Bank of England intervention. It recovered to close down 0.5

The dollar strengthened after satisfactory US trade figures and the pound fell through the psychologically important \$1.60 level to close 1.65 cents lower at \$1.5945. It was also lower against the mark closing down ½ pfennig at DM2.7250. The yen weakened against the dollar from Y153.47 to Y154.35, despite the one-point increase in the Japanese discount rate to 5.25 per cent

In the money market, interest rates rose as sterling fell, leaving the beliwether threemonth interbank rate 1/8 percentage point higher at 151/2 per cent. Mr Major said be was prepared to raise rates if necessary, but he was "not prepared to react precipitately to shortterm movements" in sterling.

Markets do not expect an immediate rise in rates but some analysts now believe a rise is more likely than not. Mr Gwyn Haacbe of James

securities house James Capel,

has resigned after policy dif-ferences with Capel's parent, Hongkong and Shanghai

Mr Quinnen, aged 44, resigned and left the Bevis Marks offices after 18 years

with Capel after Mr William Purves, Hongkong and Shang-hai's chairman, refused out of

Mr David Dugdale and Mr

James Fergusson, Capel's dep-

uty chairmen, assumed the

roles of joint chief executives.

Mr Peter Wrangham, London-

Directors of

Garston

charged

By Our City Staff

Two directors of Garston

Amhurst, the failed invest-

ment services company, will appear in Bow Street Mag-

Mr Christopher Diccon

Stockwell Wright, Garston's former chief, and Mr James Demotrius Krekis, were

charged after interviews with

the Serious Fraud Office.

Garston was authorized to sell

only the products of National

Financial Management Corp.

a subsidiary of the TSB. But

several million pounds of

investors' cash was deposited

hand to consider selling it.

risk of a rise in rates must now be about 60-40 in favour." Overshadowed by the fall in

the pound and speculation of an interest rate rise, shares fell, leaving the FT-SE 100 index down 9.4 at 2,250.3 hy the close. Gilts fell steeply, losing up to £14 as market participants concluded that the Chancellor's references to funding policy could mean some overfunding involving additional gilt sales in the coming months.

Mr Major denied that the rise in forecast levels of inflation meant that full membership of the European Monetary System had been postponed. "It is not a question of whether we will join but when," be said. "When we go in I want it to be a success." Asked if Britain would join this year he said he would neither rule it out nor rule it in.

increases, the Chancellor said people had been dazzled by the large Budget surpluses of previous years and that this had been the toughest Budget for 10 years. He denied there was an automatic trade-off between fiscal and monetary policy. "The fiscal surplus is very large and I judge that it is adequate," he said.

Markets are now focusing on today's trade figures and the Mid-Staffordshire by-elec-Capel said: "Lack of action in tion. The expectation is for the Budget reinforces our view some improvement on the that sterling is very vulner- £1.9 billion current account

uinnen quits Capel

after policy disputes

By Angela Mackay

Mr Peter Quinnen, chairman Group, has been appointed with its research and placing

Neither Mr Quinnen, Capel

nor Hongkong and Shanghai

would comment on the record

except for the bank saying that

his departure was "regretted".

tagonists said that Mr Quin-

nen had presented "more than

a conple" of prospective blue-

attractive price but Mr Purves

Mr Quinnen was concerned

that if the expected merger of

Midland Bank and Hongkong

and Shanghai is completed,

naseu executive director Capel, which has earned an contract, could be about (Europe) of Hongkong Bank enviable position in the City £300,000.

would not look at a deal.

Sources close to the pro-

James Capel group.

and chief executive of the non-executive chairman of the

The pound, shares and able. Against an unfavourable deficit io January, perhaps to gilts all fell sharply yes. international background the £1.3 billion. A poor showing £1.3 billion. A poor showing for the Government in the hy-election is largely discounted.

 German monetary uninn and a boom in West Germany are likely to make the Bundesbank raise its key lending rates by up to a full percentage point by the summer (writes Colin Narbrough).

Dr Klaus Wieners, sening vice president and chief economist at Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale, said in London that he expected the West German central bank to maintain its "cautious stance" and head off inflationary pressures before they build up.

With monetary union be-tween East and West Germany now expected to be finalized by the end of next month, be expected the Bundesbank to raise key rates before the monetary tie-up is implemented in July.

When the Bundesbank last raised its key rates, in October, wave of rate increases followed across Europe, including Britain. With the pound very weak, a fresh West German rate rise would make it difficult for the British authorities not to follow suit.

Dr Wieners, who accurately predicted the last Bundesbank rate move, said high interest rates would not affect the favourable sales and profit situation of West German firms, and share prices would tend to remain stable, or advance.

capabilities, would be run

Sources said he wanted

more commitment from Cap-

el's owner, feeling the only

way to keep turning a profit in

such a tough market is to take

Capel returned to profit in

1989 after two years of losses.

approach to equity stake-

One headhunting firm sug-

gested that the final cheque for Mr Quinnen, said to have

been at Capel on a one-year

building and arbitrage.

Mr Purves is thought to

more aggressive stance.

down slowly.

Comment, page 25

cancels warrant fund By Neil Bennett

Nomura, the leading Japanese securines house, has been forced to cancel the launch of its \$100 million Japanese warrant fund due to a slump in demand from institutional

Nomura

The cancellation follows the heavy falls in warrant prices this year. The cancellation is a hlow

for Nomura International which is trying to establish a presence in the European asset management market.

This would have been the

subsidiary's third European issue, after the launch of the Nomura global fund last December which took in substantially more than its \$100 million target.

Demand in the primary and secondary warrant markets has collapsed since prices started to fall in January. Warrants have since lost an average of 35 per cent of their

Earlier this month Nomura cancelled a \$300 million warrant Eurobond issue for Seiyu Corp, one of many issues which have recently failed to

materialize. The Nomura fund bad already been criticized for its adverts, which were titled

"more of the rewards for less of the risks." Investors felt these did not carry proper warnings about

the risks of equity warrants, althnugh the bank said that the fund had been intended for institutions rather than retail savers. A spokesman for Nomura

said he did not think the group's standing would suffer from the withdrawal. "We are still enmpletely

committed to the primary and secondary warrant market,"

"It would have damaged our reputation if we had gone ahead regardless. "You don't like biting the bullet, hut it gets to a point where von have to."

Breakfast at home with Tiffany



Offering The Tiffany Touch: Rosamond Monckton outside the Bond Street shop yesterday

BAT tops forecast with £2.04 billion

By Colin Campbell

beaten its own forecast with ing the proposed involvement pre-tax profits of £2.04 billion for the year ended December.

BAT had forecast profits of £2 hillion, against £1.64 bil-lion in 1988. Group turnover was £21.64 hillion compared

with £17.65 hillion. A final dividend of 10.4p a share is payable June 11. making 30p (20.1p) for the year, covered 2.6 times by net

earnings of 76.75p a share. Mr Patrick Sheehy, the chairman, said dealings in Wiggins Teape Appleton were expected to start on June 1.

BAT has spent £35 million in defence costs and £21 mil-

£945 million (£756 million). Eagle Star has made a £25 storm damage in Britain.

Tempus, page 24 | in its first year.

BAT Industries, the diversi-fied tobacco and financial ser-vices group, which is floating off Argos and Wiggins Teape Appleton to shareholders, has of Axa Midi in Farmers Group continue.

Mr Sheehy said the Budget was, per se, unlikely to have much impact on BAT in 1990.

A breakdown of BAT's operations in 1989 show financial service businesses, including Eagle Star and Allied Dunbar, contributing £807 million (£442 million) and tobacco interests a record

million provision to cover the



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Hammerson holding talks with Rosehaugh

chip buyers for Capel at an have taken a more cautious

istrates Court today charged with conspiracy to defraud.

to be placed.

man of Rosehaugh, has con- that 96.9 per cent of the shares had been taken up in the company's £125 million rights issue leaving just 1.94 million These were placed yesterday

at an average premium to the 200p issue price of 53p. Rosehaugh shares rose in Mr Bradman was delighted

By Matthew Bond Mr Godfrey Bradman, chair- was speaking after hearing

firmed it is holding talks with Hammerson, the rival property developer. The talks centre on Shearwater, Rosehaugh's retail development subsidiary. But at this stage the talks are not connected with a sale of Shearwater. Instead it appears Hammerson has expressed an interest in jointly funding a number of

the large shopping centres Shearwater has on its books.

response to 254p.

with the take-up. "We take it as a tremendous vote of confidence. I am especially pleased because a number of people were seeking to undermine the likelihood of the rights issue being successful."
The issue had not been

Shearwater's billion-pound development programme includes proposals for shopping centres at Ellesmere Port, Exerer and at Dartford, Kent,

in an unauthorized account close to the M25. Mr Bradman underwritten. and then transferred offshore. MMC says deal will not reduce competition

Bupa's £92m bid for HCA cleared

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor British United Provident Association (Bupa), the private health care group, has

been given clearance for its £92 million acquisition of HCA United Kingdom, the British part of Hospital Corporation of America. The Monopolies and Mergers Commission said the merger would not

"significantly" reduce competition. It leaves Bupa squaring up to AMI Healthcare, recently bought by Compagnie Generale des Eaux, of France, from American Medical International, its US parent. AMI has 14 hospitals and four psychiatric units, HCA and AM1

It is at an AMI Healthcare hospital, the Portland, in London, that the Duchess of

sold their British offshoots after leverage

York is expected to give birth. The built up three units in Britain. Bupa has Portland is a five-star hospital, but expanded into Spain with a controlling Bupa eschews that approach. Mr Bob Graham. Bupa's chief exec-

utive, said: "You might say we are in the three- 10 four-star bracket in hotel accommodation parlance - fairly uniform, fairly high standard. "Our priorities are a decidedly high

standard of medical care with the latest technology and a quality standard of accommodation. A lot of people do not like to see too much emphasis on things like the haute cursine approach to food because they look oo it as an extravagance."

The clearance of the Bupa deal should foreshadow more stability in the private hospitals sector, although Paracelsus, the West German hospitals operator, has

stake in Sanitas, that country's largest health insurer, and is looking at other opportunities on the Continent. In Britain, Bupa is the largest health insurer, accounting for about 52 per cent of the value of health insurance premiums, which stood at £817 million in

total of 28 private hospitals, or about 14 per cent of all private sector units, making it the second largest private hospital group after the Nuffield charity chain with its 32 hospitals. But Bupa has the largest number of beds.

With HCA's 10 hospitals, Bupa owns a

The MMC noted Bupa's policy of operating its insurance and hospitals businesses on an arm's-length basis.

Tibbett & Britten lifts profits 43% to £9m

Tibbett & Britten, the fast-growing food, toiletries and clothing distribution group, boosted 1989 pre-tax profits 43 per cent to £9.06 million on turnover up 47 per cent at £101

million. Earnings per share are up from 15.3p to 18.7p and the directors have recommended a final dividend of 5.1p (4p), making 7.5p (5.9p) for the year.

The group, part of a £5 million management buyout from Unilever in 1985, is confident it can further expand its market share in Britain during the current year, while also expanding above. expanding abroad.

Hibernian at £13.4m

Hibernian, the Irish under- IFICO, the financial services writing group, nudged pre-tax profits Ir£67,000 higher to lr£13.7 million (£13.4 million) on premium income of In£127 million (Ir£111 million). The total dividend rises from Ir4.3p to Ir4.8p on a proposed final of Ir3.2p. Earnings per share were Ir15.3p (Ir13.6p).

IFICO slides into the red

group, plunged to a £335,000 loss in the six months to December, from pre-tax profits of £1.5 million last time. Turnover shrank to £1.7 million (£7.3 million) after disposal of Fairview Securities. There is again no interim dividend, on losses per share of 1.04p (2.78p earnings).

Gabicci down 24%

Gabicci, the menswear distributor, suffered a 24.3 per cent decline in pre-tax profits to £644,000 in the six months to December 19, reflecting difficult trading conditions. Group turnover was reduced by 12 per cent to £12.2 million as a result of the downturn in consumer spending.

Earnings per share slip from 4.8p to 3.6p. However, the

interim dividend is maintained at 1.4p. Mr Jack Sofier, the chairman, said the group had performed satisfactorily, considering the continuing high interest rates and the current pressures on the retail sector. The shares rose 4p to 45p.

Mohair falls to £4.54m

processor and spinner to paper merchant, fell from £5.29 million to £4.54 million in 1989. Turnover dropped £1 million to £43.5 million, while earnings per share fell from 26.1p to 23.28p. A final dividend of 7.1p (6.6p) makes 8.5p (8p).

ICI offshoot expects fall

Pre-tax profits at British ICI Australia, the 62.4 per Mohair Holdings, the yarn cent subsidiary of Imperial cent subsidiary of Imperial Chemical Industries, expects profit for the six months to March 31 to be about half last year's Aus\$88.6 million (£41.6 million). Sales are forecast unchanged at about Aus\$1.49 billion, but profit will decline after a steep fall in world prices.

Laporte's successful formula

approach to business in an industry dominated by capital-intensive production - it bnys high-margin chemicals businesses which do oot need expensive factories. What these lack in growth potential they make up for in cash flow, which Laporte then uses to

acquire new specialist niches.

As a result, profits and earnings per share have risen at an annual rate of more than 15 per cent in the past five years. Progress in 1989 was in line with the average, with pre-tax profits before exceptional items up 17 per cent at £100 million and earnings 16 per cent ahead at 50.4p.

However, the performance which Laporte's formula delivers is rather better than suggested by the group figures. Laporte, led by Mr Ken Minton, chief executive, has a series of joint ventures with Solvay, the Belgian chemicals group which owns 25 per cent of its equity.

These ventures make chemicals used in bleaches and detergents, a relatively mature market. Indeed, profits, just 5 per cent up in 1989, have risen by only a quarter in the past five years. By contrast, profits

year over that period. Laporte's latest acquisition is a good example of its priorities. Earlier this month it paid Brent Chemicals £23 million for Reddish Savilles, which supplies cleaning chemicals. At the time, Brent emphasized that Reddish Savilles' profits were un-changed in four years, while Laporte focused on the point that its profit margins had averaged over more than 22



The right chemistry: Ken Minton, Laporte chief executive, and Richard Dickinson, finance director, yesterday

dividend at 10.4p to make 30p

(20.1p)—and the group is now on the threshold of what

should prove to be an exciting

For ordinary shareholders, there is the floation of Argos

and, later this year, of Wiggins
Teape Appleton to look forward to, while corporate players will be watching for the
excitement of developments

on the Sir James Goldsmith/

Hoylake front. BAT is grind-

ing its way through US in-

surance commission hearings,

If nothing else, then BAT

and Sir James is still eager.

other investors can usefully Laporte intends to put Reddish Savilles together with its The December-end pre-tax profits, at £2.04 billion (£1.64 billion), topped City expectations — although BAT had signalled the increased final existing cleaning chemicals businesses in Europe, which will allow new product development to be spread over a

bigger sales base. five years. By contrast, profits The current year may be from its subsidiaries have tougher than 1989, but if grown nearly 30 per cent a profits before exceptional items rise to £t15 million and earnings to 54p, the shares, up 16p at 517p, will be on a propsective p/e ratio of under 10. Given the record and the fact that two-thirds of its profits arise Britain, that is

BAT will be back in the market buying its own shares again now that year-end results are out of the way, and

in 1990, on the assumption that it will have been slimmed down by demergers. BAT has some way to go

before exhausting shareholders' permissioo to buy-in up to 10 per cent of its shares, and since it has spent £213 million oo the exercise and still believes it worthwhile, more

own-buying is in the offing.

The Budget should be but a blip in BATs' life in 1990, and now that Farmers - which more than covered its financing costs in its first year under the BAT umbrella - is settling down, financial services as a whole should become more dominant.

Tobacco operations turned in a record £945 million at the trading level, up from £756 million last year, with group cigarette volumes rising by 2.t per cent to outperform world markets' growth of 1.6 per

Year-end gearing was down from 66.5 per cent to 46 per cent, and although a demerged BAT will make this year's profit comparisons complex, the slimmed-down group should be looking at £1.92 bill-

ion pre-tax profits this year.
Adjust yesterday's BAT
price of 814p for the imputed
115p-120p price tag applicable for the flotations, and the ctive price/earnings ratio of 9.4 still suggests a buy.

Bowthorpe

Bowthorpe Holdings is the last to worry about a two-cent fall in sterling — it estimates that weakness in the pound in the second half of 1989 boosted the year's pre-tax profits by more than £1 million.

Currency was one factor

but probably in better shape - share price, to 179p, despite a groggy stock market as it came in with pre-tax profits in line with expectations at £44.52 million, a rise from £40.07

Bowthorpe has made a good living during the last halfcentury out of some unglamorous, oot to say obscure, products in the electrical and

electronics fields. The latest product, the screwless terminal block, is an electrical linkage that does not require the time-consuming use of a screwdriver. This is made by one of its two West Germany companies, both poised to do well out of

reunification. The company makes great play of its diversity, with profits split roughly evenly between this country, the rest of Europe and the Americas and with oo single customer globally accounting for more than 1 per cent of business. Japan is the next target.

The shares have suffered from the malaise in the electronics sector — down from a peak of 236p six months ago - and the impact of economic slowdown was apparent from yesterday's figures. Margins are down across the board, particularly in this country, where static earnings compared with a 9 per cent

About half the profits rise came from acquisitions, although organic growth tra-ditionally makes an 80 per cent contribution.

Profits just short of £50 million this year put the shares on a premium rating for an electronics company of 10 times' prospective earn-

Britannic (1) 2111 DI storms claims at £1.5m

The winter storms have con Britannic Assurance, the Birmingham-based insurer, £1.5 million, enough to push its underwriting operations into loss this year.

The company made the damage estimate as it produced its 1989 figures, which showed a 15 per cent rise in net profit to £15.3 million. The final dividend is being raised from 11p to 14.25p, making a total of 20.75p, up a quarter.

Mr Brian Shaw, Britannic's general manager, said the Tessa savings plan introduced in Tuesday's Budget, could create more competition from the building societies.

Britannic, which has a salesforce of 2,200 operating from 250 branches, has been particularly successful in selling personal pensions and won 98,000 customers last year. This helped ordinary premium income rise 35 per cent 10 £268 million.

The company keeps 70 per cent of its funds in equities, which accounts for its strong performance and enabled it to raise its terminal bonuses by at least 40 per cent throughout. The performance also allowed the company to incease after-tax transfers by 23 per cent to £11.8 million.

In general insurance, underwriting profits fell t5 per cent to £754.000 after a series of large subsidence claims in the third quarter due to the dry summer. The overall net profit rose 12 per cent to £1.85 million due to a strong invest-

Record Pre-tax Profit £2.04 billion – up 24%

PRELIMINARY RESULTS

Year to December

£1=\$1.61 at 31.12.89 (\$1.81 at 31.12.88)	1988	1989	Change 88-89
GROUP TURNOVER	£17,653m	£21,636m	+23%
PRE-TAX PROFIT	£1,641m	£2,041m	+24%
EARNINGS PER SHARE	62.81p	76. 7 5p	+22%
DIVIDENDS PER SHARE	20.10p	30.00p	+49%

- Financial Services profit rose by 83 per cent to £807 million, after providing £25 million for 1990 storm damage. Farmers more than covered its financing costs.
- Tobacco trading profit up 25 per cent to a record £945 million. Group cigarette volumes increased by 2.1 per cent in world markets which rose by 1.6 per cent. Exports up 16 per cent.
- Continuing Group pre-tax profit up by 30 per cent to £1.71 billion, greater than the pre-tax profit for the entire Group in 1988.
- Demergers of Argos and Wiggins Teape Appleton are proceeding and disposals are on schedule for completion by the end of June 1990.





World of Leather slumps into loss and cuts dividend

By Melinda Wittstock

The downturn in consumer July of seveo leather furniture spending and slump in the bousing market have claimed another victim in the furniture retailing industry as World of Leather slumped into the red

Record pre-tax profits of £2.08 million for 1988 were turned into losses of £88,000 last year and Mr Ramoo Benardout, the chairman, said there is oo sign of improvement. The final dividend is the decision to cut the divicut from 3.7p to 0.8p, leaving dend. Earnings per share shareholders with 1.6p for the slumped from 16.8p to 0.8p.

year against 4.5p last time. Turnover, although only marginally down from £23.3 million to £23.2 million, still remains at a disappointing

level, he said. World of Leather, Britain's largest specialist retailer of leather furniture, has halted all expansion plans until interest rates fall and conditions

begin to recover. This retailer, which recently opened stores in Croydoo and Cardiff, also blamed additional overheads relating to its

Leatherland. The acquisition, which provided World of Leather with more selling space when sales were dropping, also converted a cash surplus into net borrowings, which at the year-end stood at £2.92 million. Mr Benardout said the

stores previously trading as

group now intends to preserve cash resources, which explains Mr Benardout, who is

the joint managing director, said: "We are naturally disappointed by these results but believe that, despite this setback, we are well prepared for the inevitable upturn when interest rates start to fall."

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The company has already saved more than £200,000 by shedding 20 of its 185

Mr Benardout said that the company remains confident about the future of the upbolstered furniture market, £3.5 million acquisition last particularly leather furniture.

Move to Scotland urged by Rifkind

By Colin Narbrough

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Sec-Scottish centres. Unlike some retary of State for Scotland, sectors of industry, financial sought to persuade City institutions to relocate north of the border to take advantage of 200 years of Scottish experuse in financial services and much lower current costs.

Hosting a lunch at Lancaster House in London for 50 bankers and brokers, he said an operation with 200 staff, using 30,000 sq ft of office space, could be as much as £2.5 million a year cheaper to run in Glasgow or Edinburgh than in London.

Staff costs were 30 per cent lower than in London,

Mr Rifkind also underliced that staff turnover, while a serious problem in the Southeast, only amounted to about I per cent a year in the leading operations.

thrive in Scotland, aided by the revolution in telecommunications.

172,000, or 10 per cent of the Scottish workforce,

He said: "Of course, savings can be achieved elsewhere in the UK outside London, but it is the availability of a welleducated, flexible and increasingly computer-literate workforce which is proving 10 be a powerful attraction,"

Mr Rifkind said that not only were British institutions showing increased interest in locating to Scotland, but companies were starting to use it as a base for international

De Beers raises rough diamond price 5.5%

rough diamonds sold through billion last year. the Central Selling Organization by an average 5.5 per cent with effect from the next sight" this Monday.

The hike is in line with world inflation, and will in part redress increased mining, sorting and valuation costs for the producers. The previous De Beers' rough diamond price rise was 15.5 per cent io

The increase also follows stronger retail demand for polished stones in certain parts of the world. Polished exports from Israel grew by 8 per cent last year, from India by 12 per

By Colin Campbell, Mining Correspondent De Beers is raising the price of was 17 per cent higher at \$14.6

> At the consumer end, Japanese retail diamond jewellery sales were 12 per cent higher last year, German sales were 11 per cent up, there was a 21 per cent increase to French retail sales and an 12 per cent increase in British retail diamond jewellery sales.

The financial detail of De Beers' recent plans to split its operations between South African and non-South African assets - which include the formation of a Swiss holding company for foreign assets are expected in April.

De Beers shares traded at

Steetley expands with £92m buy in France

Steetley, the brick and quarry further wharf to the four it group, is consolidating its owns on the Seine. leading position in the French market with the acquisition of Gobitta, the last big independent supplier of aggregates to the Paris region, for Ffr850 million (£92.4 million), to be paid over nine years.

Steetley has spent more than £100 million buying French quarries over the past five years, but Gobitta will be the last, says Mr Richard Miles, Steetley's managing

The move follows Redland's £46 million purchase in January of rail depots in the Paris region and quarries to serve them. However, Steetley's aggregates arrive by barge, and Gobitta will add a

Units lose

£2bn in

value

The slump in world stock

markets wiped nearly £2 hil-

lion off the value of UK unit

trusts last month, even though

sales were higher than in

Sales rose by £49.8 million to £951.8 million, and net new investment more than dou-

hled to £303.5 million. The value of repurchases fell from

£772 million to £648 million

contributing to the increase.

The total value of funds

under management at the end of February was £55.2 billion,

3 per cent down on January. Nearly 50,000 unit holder

accounts were closed. The

number of accounts peaked at

more than five million two

years ago, but has since fallen to about 4.8 million.

The London gold price fell by \$6.75 to \$391.75 an ounce -

trustee for securities, rose 31.3 per cent to 428.7p. and pre-tax

profits advanced by 25.9 per cent to £4.94 million in the

year to end-December. Eam-

ings per share rose by 26.3 per

Daf warning

earnings per share are FI5.91

(FI5.17). The dividend is

Jerry Church, known as one of

the City of London Club this

evening. He is a very keen

squash player, and was one of

the five founder shareholders

of his local squash club in Brentwood, Essex, Church's

wife Gill tells me that he is

also going to be spending a lot

more time on the gotf course

from now on, trying to reduce

his handicap of 16 to below

hers, which currently stands at

14. And, according to his

colleagues, the committee at

nearby Thorndon Park Golf

840 Guaranty in New York.

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Steetley will be paying Ffr100 million initially, Ffr125 million in June, and a further Ffr200 million 12 months later, with the balance in instalments until 1998. Because of this phasing, Steetley does not expect the purchase to dilute its earnings this year.

Gobitta reported pre-tax profits of only Ffr16.5 million in the six months to August. This gives an earnings multiple in the high 20s for the purchase if the deferred payments are discounted to present values, according to Mr Miles, However, he expects Gobitta's profits to

sets were only Ffr46 million ing facility, at interest rates of last month, Steetley expects about 11 per cent. Gobitta any goodwill on the ac-would add 4 per cent to its 20 any goodwill on the acquisition to be eliminated per cent gearing at the yearwhen its 150 million tonnes of end. "I don't think that aggregate reserves are represages the need for a rights valued. Sales are estimated to issue, It is adequately finanhave risen by two-thirds to ceable from within our existmore than Ffr300 million in ing resources."

> Steetley's share of the French aggregates market is doubte that which it enjoys in Britain. Mr Miles said this was because chances to huy here were very limited as ownership had been consolidated in a few hands for some years. However, the French market was fragmented until recently, which made it easier for Steetley to buy its way in. However, there are not many

would be financed by an Although Gobitta's net as- existing French franc borrow- large quarries left to buy. Prestige spot for Potsworth



Gobitta produces about 3.3

million tonnes annually,

which will add one percentage

point to Steetley's existing 9

per cent share of the French

market. It will also give the

group a 15 per cent share in the Paris and lie de France

region, which is growing

Mr Miles said the purchase

rapidly.

Worth pots: Vivien and Martin Powell, with Potsworth and his cartoon likeness, yesterday

and, at one point, was down by more than \$9 and trading at its lowest since November after world-wide selling.

Gold's fall on the back of springer spaniel rescued from Battersea Dog's Home, is the continued strength of the heading for sure fame on US Patrol. dollar triggered stop-loss comsyndicated television, thanks puter selling, which, in turn to the efforts of his owners sent other precious metal whose animated cartoon series, Patsworth & Co, will be Platinum was \$13 down at seen throughout North Amer-\$487.75 an ounce, although ica from September (Melinda

technical factors lifted silver Wittstock writes). by 1.5p to 318.25p an ounce,

The first 13 episodes of the Value higher Vivien and Martin Powell, average ratings. Debenture Corporation, the investment trust that acts as a

Potsworth, an energetic shown on The Funtastic TVS Entertainment, to dis-World of Hanna Barbera tribute the series throughout under the name Midnight

The Funtastic World has the highest ratings of all children's programming in the US, and Sleepy Kids will split the take with Hanna Barbera, the cartoon company, which has jointly produced the show.

Mr Powell said a half-hour new series, created by the of the Funtastic World is husband and wife team of worth more than \$50,000 on

whose company, Sleepy Kids. Sleepy Kids, which last merchandising mar was floated on the Third month linked up with Telso The shares, float Market last July, will be International, a subsidiary of climbed 2p to 31p. Kids, which last merchandising mark

continental Europe, said it would also announce a TV deal in Britain in April.

"We are delighted to get this prestigious slot. Together with the Telso distribution deal for Europe. Potsworth & Co should be sold to all the major world territories within a short period of time," said Mrs

The Powells are also busy tapping the lucrative character The shares, floated at 20p,

Schroders boosted by water sell-off

Profits from organizing the water privatization and the Consolidated Gold Fields takeover helped Schroders the merchant bank, to boost its disclosed profits by 55 per cent to a record £46.6 million

However, it has refused to follow the lead set by Barings last week and reveal its hidden reserves and pre-tax profits. Under EC law, it must publish these by 1993.

It is paying a final dividend of 19p, making 25p, an in-crease of 28 per cent. It is making a one-for-one scrip issue. Schroders acted in 150 merger and acquisition deals during the year, worth £26 hillion. This was £5 billion less than the previous year, but profits rose due to success fees from several hostile bids.

The largest deal was Cons-Gold, where it first successfully defended the company against Minorco and then took part in Hanson's agreed offer. This alone brought in an estimated £8 million. The £5.2 billion water flotation brought in a similar amount, spread over three years.

The bank's asset manage ment division also grew rapment division also grew rapidly, with funds rising from £16.5 to £22.5 billion. During the year it overtook Robert Fleming to become the City's third largest fund manager.

The figures masked large write-offs against Third World debte but Schoolers is now.

debts, but Schroders is now provided against its remaining Latin American Ioans.

ISE set to shed **280** jobs

By Graham Searjeant

The International Stock Ex-change is to shed a tenth of its jobs in a radical restructuring that will make 190 people redundant, eliminate a further 90 nnfilled vacancies and drastically reduce the role of the committees of members of the Stock Exchange council.

The reorganization was the priority of Mr Peter Rawlins, who became chief executive of the ISE in November. It splits the ISE's organization into three functional divisions; primary markets (mainly quotations), trading markets, and settlement services (responsible for the Taurus system).

Many of the jobs lost are in information services, a department which will disappear. while generally, many more jobs are being redeployed.

Teenage scribblers set a test for the Major ohn Major has faced the test of the teenage scribblers — and those that become both practised and expert. In

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fund them — and has not been found wanting. With the Bank of England by his side, he stood firm yesterday morning when sterling was unloaded to see whether be would cave in to pressure to lift base rates. He gave no ground as the three-month money market rates waved around 151/2 per cent. And he kept on smiling as the cries of "Mr Softee" echoed around the halfdeserted dealing rooms of the City of London.

Out there in the real world, north of Finsbury Circus and West of St Paul's, there is no pressure for rates increases, rather the reverse. There is not the same clamour for a strong pound when every pfennig that sterling loses increases the possibility of piercing European export markets. And there is no desire to see an economic strategy outlined on Tuesday afternoon blown out of the water on Wednesday morning.

That is not to say that Chancellors can afford to ignore the young scribes or their paymasters, so often in far away overseas havens where interest rates have not gone to double figures in living memory. In retrospect, I am sure that even Mr Major is wishing that he could divorce politics from his economics and have been as tough as the market economists would have wished. It is not part of any Chancellor's brief to spend the day after Budget day not only defending its social imperatives but also

the first few weeks of his sudden appointment, the foreign exchanges threw rotten tomatoes and piled the pavements with banana skins. He neither slipped nor ducked and, with the help of Threadneedle Street, avoided raising rates.

That is not to say he will be able to avoid the increase this time around. A rise may be the price he has to pay for a Budget which appeared too lax in its monetary objectives to get a grip on inflation. The gilt market seems to have few doubts, although by the close of husiness early losses of two pounds were trimmed back to £14. If the combined forces of Whitehall and Leadenhall Street can retain the initiative in the face of today's trade figures, a rise in rates may be avoided. But it will be a close run thing and Mr Major's mathmatics leave little room for error, especially in the short term.

If he can manage to weather the next month, industry will have cause to be much relieved. The fickle nature of financial markets, reemphasized again by the cut in jobs at the International Stock Exchange, has caused the penny to drop that there has to be more to the economy than service industries. Manufacturing companies have little to be cheerful about, as can be seen by the prospects of falling earnings and the rising tide of profits warnings. The Budget lacked real investment inprotecting the currency against his own Capital City.

But the framework is huilt and Mr
Major has little choice but to call the continue to keep his nerve.

End for secondary debt

banker. Third World debt provisioning was bound to be a subject close to Mr Major's heart. So with hindsight, it is not surprising that he chose the soap-box of his first Budget to clear up the uncertainty over the tax treatment of Third World deht provisions.

Several bankers had worried that January's delay of the publication of the Bank of Enlgand matrix of recommended provision levels, and the Inland Revenue's subsequent reticence on the subject, meant the Government was preparing a large stick with which to beat the bankers. The more paranoid suggested this as a likely retaliation for the banks' refusal to participate in the

the student loan scheme. They were, therefore, relieved when the Chancellor decided to allow relief up to the matrix levels, and a phased

introduction of higher relief. Barclays, Lloyds and National Westminster have all provided for about 70

s a former Standard Chartered year interest-free loan, which Mr Major banker, Third World debt estimated at £200 million. While this will hamper cash flow, even that effect is light since the banks will not have to write the cheques until late next year.

The decision is a nail in the coffin, however, for the secondary debt market. Barclays and National Westminster, both enthusiastic sellers, may now he less willing since they can no longer crystalise a capital loss by doing so.

This removes one of the main reasons behind the highly-profitable market. Institutions will still use the market to balance their lending portfolio, but while the debtor nations buy in their debt at the market's depressed prices, liquidity will tighten.

Mr Major's final declaration - that banks could win full and instant relief if they sell the debt to its originator — was his cleverest. Contrary to the pleas of the Brady plan, banks could not until now sanction the direct cancellation of debt since it flew in the face of basic loan recovery principles. Now they have an per cent of their debts. In effect, they are excuse which they can take to their being asked by the Revenue for a four- shareholder: the taxman made us do it.

Matthews fishes for change

cent to 15.44p. The final dividend is raised to 8.5p (6.45p), making 13.5p for the year, up 32.4 per cent on 1988. Daf, the Dutch van and truck decline in red meat sales. maker floated last year, saw

net profits rise to F1171.7 mil-The company, chaired by Mr Bernard Matthews, has linn (£55.7 million) for 1989, from F1147.1 million, hul it says that 1990 first-half profits will be down because of economic conditions. Net Pearls, fish kiev.

fish will help to revive the

dividend is up 20 per cent at

The main problem last year was the decline in sales of pork, beef and lamh which fell per cent in Britain. Meat sales at Matthews fell 20 per

The group recovered sub-

Bernard Matthews, the poul- group's fortunes. Last stantially in the second half, year, pre-tax profits fell from after profits down 20 per cent £10.2 million to £9.11 million at the interim stage. The on sales that were static at interest charge doubled to £1.08 million mainly because Earnings per share after tax of heavy investment in plant fell from 5.33p to 4.5p but the and advertising, but the group ended the year with no borrowings and more than £500,000 in cash.

> So far this year, sales are ahead of last year and the increase in the dividend is a measure of the group's confidence in the future. The shares fell 2p to 63p.

By Gillian Bowditch

try and meat company, is hop-ing to find corporate salvation in breadcrumbs and fishes after two disappointing years £135 million. struggling against food scares, high poultry feed prices and a

launched two fish products; Golden Fishics, a type of extra crispy fish finger and Sea The company is hoping that cent to about 27 million.



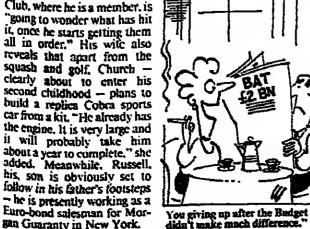
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the snappiest dressers in the Rodney Galpin, former executive director of the Bank of England, now chairman of Standard Chartered Bank, is clearly a man who knows how to get attention when he wants it. a man who knows now to get attention when he wants it. Through sheer charm. In response to criticism in *The Times* last week about the \$80 million provision made by the bank on a \$110 million investment — in MiniScribe, a computer peripherals manufacturer — he promptly put pen to paper and, setting something of a welcome precedent for other company chairmen, composed the following:

So we learn from the past; and in changing their ways, May not even bankers look in hope for some praise?

On parade

declared herself "really nervous" at the prospect of being



The Banker's Lament

Square Mile - and the only man who never wore an overcoat, regardless of the weather - is to retire from the City at the end of this month. A hugely popular figure, Church, aged 59, a senior dealer and one-time partner at Laing & Cruickshank, where he has been for the past 45 years, is throwing a farewell party for his many friends in

A study of life in the dinosaur age. Gives you the hindsight to rattle our cage. But what now is skeleton, from a cupboard to bring. Once was a prize seen fit for a King. Your hargepole we'll keep to leverage our hands. As we rise to the heights that your challenge demands.

The Chancellor's wife, Norma Major, who had previously



photographed on the steps of No 11 alongside her husband, was obviously determined 10 do her duty on Budget Day, come what may. During the course of her husband's speech, she was spotted in the public gallery, flanked by their children Elizabeth, aged 18, and James, aged 15. Both children have hitherto been kept almost entirely out of the public eye, but they were clearly well prepared for their father's big day.

 Anyone hoping to spot former Chancellor Nigel Law-son's influence in the scribblings published by BZW chief economist Michael Hughes was disappointed. Despite his reputed six-figure salary for two days a week there, Lawson was nowhere to be seen at Ebgate House, BZW's City headquarters on Budget Day. "He was at the House all day."

Z points the way Fate moves in strange ways, as Phil Cox, the chief executive

nf financial services-turnedrecruitment agency Burns Anderson, discovered. In recognition of this change in its activities, Z-Seven Fund, an Arizona investment group, has huilt a 7.7 per cent stake in BA — as well as a 2 per cent stake in rival recruitment group Michael Page — on the grounds that US recruitment firms are valued at up tn 20 times earnings, while BA's p/e is a lowly 7.5 times. Other US investors have followed suit, nn a word of mouth basis, and Cox estimates 12 per cent nf the equity is now is US hands. After assurances by Z-Seven that it is not a predator, Cax is now considering sponsoring an ADR facility. And he is determined to outdo his chum, Glamar boss Stephen Barker - they once worked together at ADT - who, in his previous job as chief executive of Albert Fisher, set the record for the most successful ADR issue ever, with 30 per cent of Fisher shares now held in ADR form.

 Bookmaker William Hill reacted to the Budget hy shortening the odds on a Labour victory at the next General Election and extending the Conservatives' odds. Labour are now 4-6 tn win instead of 8-11, and the Tories have mayed from evens to 11-According to a spokesman. Hill has stopped taking bets on Labour winning today's Mid-Staffordshire by-election and put Conservative odds at

Carol Leonard

The Car Phone that Protects ALARMPHONE - The phone that reports car theft

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Riding the inflation wave

Critics of John Major's Budget

maintain that runaway prices are the Government's biggest

problem. Rodney Lord,

Economics Editor, investigates

The Budget has intensified the focus on inflation. By raising peak in inflation as measured his year-end forecast from 5% by the Retail Price Index in ment to 7% per cent in the Budget, Mr John Major, the Chancellor, has confirmed chars that things will be be be be be been been level of

get was one for the medium term and should not be judged by the immediate reaction in

foreign exchange markets.
For good measure, he mixed in some uncharacteristic sarcasm about the consistency of City economists' views before and after the Budget. In his judgement, he said, the Budget was a prudent package which would successfully bring down inflation. Fiscal policy was "the toughest for 10 years," though there was not necessar-ily any trade-off between fiscal and monetary policy anyway. Interest rates would go up if

need be. Time will tell whether the markets' fears are justified and, if so, how serious an economic and social adversary higher inflation will be. It used

be true in Britain as the economy expanded rapidly by previous standards and inflation seldom rose as high as 5 per cent. Few people ooticed that other economies were the most part had lower inflation or none at all.

It would be difficult now to find anyone who thought inflation beneficial. A low and steady trace of inflation may oot be very damaging to the economy, but in Britain it has be low and steady by the RPI, has risen seldom been low and steady for long. The governments of all the main industrial counrising at a low or zero rate.

The inflationary shocks of the two oil price rises in 1974 and 1980 underlined the dam- for more than 18 months. age inflatioo does both to economic growth and social cohesion, creating uncertainty for business investment and making unplaneed transfers of spending power between different sectors of the population. Rhetoric on all sides of the political spectrum now makes the defeat of inflation a top princity.

It would be understandable if Mr Major were inclined to castigate markets for confining their view to near term.

market fears the worsen before they improve.

The response was a steep drop in the pound to a record low against the mark amid concern that he had done too little to bring down inflation.

If you cent, the pound to a record add just over I per cent, raising excise duties in line with previous inflation could add another ½ per cent (they were not raised last year) and the continuing trickle of increases in mortgage rates will also add more. Altogether it is difficult to see inflation peaking at less than 9 per cent, and if things go badly the peak could be nearer 10 per cent.

These increases are oot in themselves inflationary quite the reverse. Higher interest rates and higher taxes take spending money out of the economy. There have been similar blips in inflation before, for instance in 1985, from which the trend has recovered. Nevertheless, with inflationary expectations in a delicate state, the sight of in-flation heading towards double figures, if only temporarily, will do little to improve confidence and could provoke

a boost to pay settlements. More important for the to be said that a little inflation medium term is the underlywas good for the economy.

Prices rising at 2-3 per cent a
year, people claimed, helped
to keep growth ticking over
and unemployment down.

In the 1960s this seemed to belping to bring down the published rate below the und-erlying rate. The pain of bringing in the poll tax will have passed out of the annual comparison, as will this year's excise duty increases. As a re-sult, Mr Major is forecasting growing even faster and for headline inflatioo down to 5 per cent by the second quarter of next year and below that level thereafter.

But these changes are fluctsured by the RPI, has risen steadily from about 3 per cent tries new aim to keep prices in mid-1986 to more than 6 per cent oow. This has occurred despite loterest rates being well into double figures

> The Budget contained oothing of substance to persuade people that monetary policy would be operated more effectively io the future than in the past. A new target was set for the narrow version of the money supply, M0, at the same rate of 1-5 per cen1 as in the current year - that is, one point looser than the previous range of 0-4 per cent for the coming year. Broad money continues to be "taken into account" with no set target.

City hits at missed

but the economists predict City economists, once descriformer Chancellor, as the tecture scribblers were largely critical of Mr John Major's first Budget Their main points follow:

Mr Major's Budget gives the voter the benefit of the doubt at the expense of a firm antiinflation strategy. The Chan-cellor has missed an opportunity to reinforce his strategy by tightening fiscal policy a notch, and by giving the finan-cial markets the impression that interest rates will not be raised further except under extreme conditions.

Savenon Brothers

There must be severe doubts in the financial markets whether this Budget - the Budget that never was - is tough enough for the job. The same question will no doubt be raised about Mr Major himself. The overwhelming impression he gave during the speech was that he was trying too hard to be too nice to too many people. Guldman Sachs

The expected timetable for an interest rate cut has been pushed further out. We do not envisage a significant reduction in rates outil late summer. Clearly the Treasury believes the economy is perilously close to recession. If the evidence emerging in the next quarter supports this analysis, the neutral Budget stance will be vindicated. Until such evidence emerges, gilt yields will concentrate more on the short-term deterioratioo in inflation.

Our calculations see ioflatioo moving to 9 per cent before the summer and only coming lown to about 8 per cent by ne cad of the year.

National Westminster Bank is a do-nothing Budget. Major is sambling that the

ecocomic slowdown will gather pace and deliver the econbed by Mr Nigel Lawson, the omic results he needs without undertaking further action. If this gamble fails the Government's electoral chances are Midland Montagu

> The prediction that the headline rate of inflation will stay above 7 per cent at the end of 1990 seems unduly pessimistie and a lower outturn may allow the Treasury to signal an easing in monetary policy in the late summer. We are predicting 12 per cent base rates by the year-end. Hoare Goveti

Mr Major missed his first and last - opportunity to hit the economy hard and thus establish his credibility beyoud doubt. The penalty for loose fiscal policy may be another increase in base rates. We still believe the economy will suffer a significant slowdown this year, sufficient to deliver a pleasing improvement in both the trade deficit and inflation. Phillips & Drew

"Budget for Savers" Mr Major proclaimed - but not until 1991. He would have loved to have produced a vote-catching Budget, giveo the Cooservatives' appalling showing in the opioion polls. Unfortunately, Mr Major was constraioed by the excesses of Budgets past. What is really worrying the markets, how-ever, is the ghost of Budgets future. Has the Chancellor done enough to create election-winning conditions?

Credit Lyonnais Securities Laing & Cruickshank

The Budget gives no clear signal to investors that the economic and investment environment will improve significantly in the short term. But the long-term attractions of the market are underpinned by the eventual decline in interest rates and reduced Nikko Securities



Funding policy is unchanged. This no-change position may not matter. Mr Major is quite right in saying there is "no single lodestar to guide us in monetary policy." It was never likely that Mr Major would do other than repeat the Government's present position on EMS entry, which

15 per cent will probably eventually ensure that underlying inflation comes down.

It is what happens in the meantime that is worrying. The exchange rate is not only an economic indicator, it is also an instrument. A fall in the pound is in itself liable to amounts to: "Make me chaste be inflationary, quite apart

but not yet." Interest rates at from what it may tell us about monetary conditions. The steep fall of recent weeks, which continued in post-Budget dealing yesterday, is thus likely to generate further inflationary pressure. The 5 per cent fall seen, could, if sustained, raise prices by any-

It is also significant that the Government's ambitions ap-pear to have become more li-mited. The goal set for inflation when the medium term financial strategy was invented in 1980 was unequivocal: zero. Nowadays ministers talk of bringing down in-flation to "a more tolerable level."

Why the RPI is still seen as the leading guide

In the Budget, Mr John Major, the Chancellor, had to announce that the inflation outlook for this year, on the RPI measure, had worsened

since his autumn statement. He oow expects the inflatioo rate to rise further from reported for January before falling back. The Treasury assumption is that the RPI will still be showing 7.25 per cent in the final quarter this year against 5.75 per cent forecast last November.

The Treasury blames mort-gage rates, high food prices, and the poll tax for the expected rise.

The RPI measures the average change from month to month in the prices of goods and services purchased by the majority of households. The spending patterns on which it is based are revised annually with the help of the Government's Family Expenditure
Survey. It seeks to typify normal spending, and excludes
expenditure by households with higher incomes and those dependent on state pensions.

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The Retail Price Index re- services, from petrol and fresh mains the Government's prin-vegetables to telephone charcipal inflation measure, despite its shortcomings as a guide to the economy's health.

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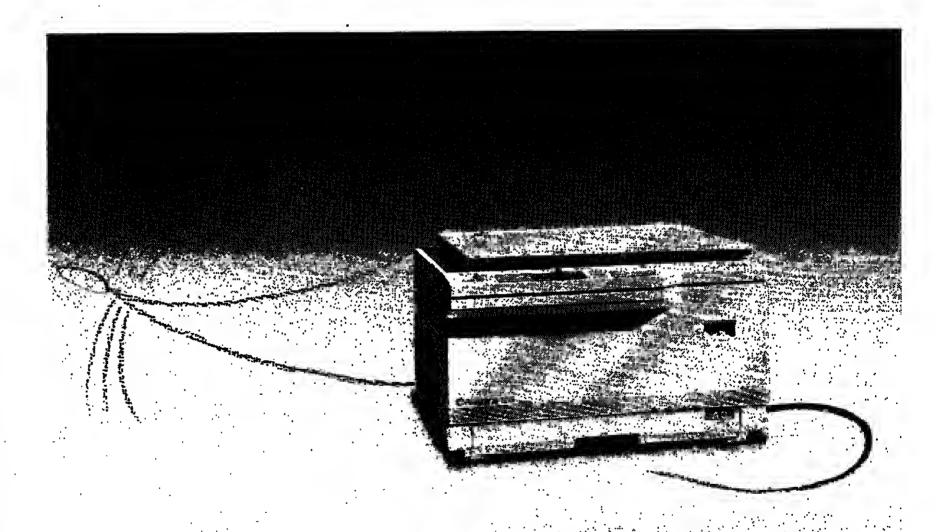
Each category of goods and services is weighted on the index. The main categories are housing - 17.5 per cent, food - 15.4 per cent and motoring expenditure — 1.3 per cent. Within housing, mortgage payments are 6 per cent, and rates — to be supplanted by poll tax — are 4.2 per cent.

The great bone of contention is the inclusion of mortgage interest payments, which fluctuate as interest rates move, producing volatility unrepresentative of general price movements.

Though the Government complains about this distorting factor, it works both ways. While making inflation look higher during periods of high interest rates, it also makes the year-on-year decline look much stronger as rates ease.

The Central Statistical Office also publishes the "under-lying" inflation rate — the RPI stripped of seasonal food prices and mortgage interest payments. Last mooth, this measure was running at an annual rate of 6.1 per cent for

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Bond Corporation Holdings Limited has again averted the threat of a wind-up by renego-tiating a deal to sell its Australian breweries to Bell Resour-ces Limited, its rebel subsidary - this time for Aus\$185 billion (£86.8 billion).

The deal was announced yesterday after intense negotiations. BRL will also emerge with 40 per cent of Bond Media Limited BOM, the operation of the national Nine television network. It will pay 40 cents a share (Aus\$85 million) for the stake, trumping a 10 cents a share bid for BOM by Mr Kerry Packer, Australia's richest man.

Bond Corp stands to lose about Aus\$240 million on the proposed deal over the BOM stake. This could rise to Aus\$300 million if its remaining 11 per cent stake is not sold at the same price.

As part of the deal, BRL won concessions from one of Bond Corp's biggest bankers, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp, to relinquish mortgages it held over BOM shares and also over all its shares in Bond Brewing Hold-ings Limited, owner of Bond Corp's Australian assets.

The deal marks the third time the sale of Bond Corp has been negotiated with BRL. In May last year, Bond Corp said



Third time lucky: Alan Bond, chairman of Bond Corp and American brewing assets to BRL for \$3.5 billion, of which the Australian brewing interests accounted for \$2.5

billion. BRL paid a \$1.2 bil-lion deposit for the brewery. In December the US breweries were excluded from the deal and the purchase price of the Australian breweries was cut to \$2 billion.

Last Tuesday was the dead-line to complete the deal. Failure would have meant BRL would proceed with a wind-up petition it had filed it was selling its Australian against Bond Corp in the

Supreme Court of Western

BRL would also have been able to serve notice on Bond Corp for the payment of the \$1.2 billion deposit paid nn the May 1989 deal.

BRL said yesterday it would apply to the court to withdraw

its wind-up petition.

The proposal is subject to the consent of Bond Corp's bankers, led by the National Australia Bank Ltd, which declined to give its immediate support, and shareholders of BRL, Bond Corp and BOM.

Progress cools at Johnson

Cleaners By Michael Tate

Hot weather at bome and bad weather in the United States checked profits growth at Johnson Group Cleaners, Britain's largest dry cleaning group, last year.

Mr Terry Greer, chairman, unveiled pre-tax profits of £18.52 million for the year to end-December, against £16.96 million, but emphasized the contrast between a buoyant first half and a ponr second

Summer's heatwave led customers to wear fewer, and more washable, clothes, cutting visits to the 752 British ships. Given the operation's fixed-cost nature, the effect on profits was magnified.

Hurricane Hugo's rampage across the Carolinas, where Juhnson has 70 nf its 300 US outlets, closed some, damaged many and affected them all. Group turnover for the year

rose 13.5 per cent to £141.1 millinn, but earnings per share have grown by just 7.6 per cent, to 55.3p. The dividend rises from 23.1p to 25.7p, with the recommendation of an 18.7p second interim. Gearing is about 27 per cent.

Juhnson has about 24 per cent of the British dry-cleaning market. Monnpolies considerations rule out rivalling the Compass bid for Chairman plans to take oil company right to the top

Horton faces the BP challenge

By Graham Searjeant

Two days after axing 30 per cent of British Petroleum's head office managers, 60 per cent of central staff posts and three-quarters of its committees, Mr Robert Horton, the new chairman, was feeling relaxed and ready for his selfappointed challenge of making BP the most successful oil company if the 1990s.

The savings from head office (after a one-off cost of about £60 million) should give him a head start in advancing BP's financial success. Together with the savings from comparable cuts at BP Exploration (the upstream business) and BP Oil (the downstream refining and distribution), they should eventually boost last year's £1.7 billion profit by £300 million a year.

Like many industrialists of his generation, however, Mr Horton sets off in relatively uncharted waters in trying to move a huge business ahead instead of making it slimmer and fitter. He has given himself almost a full ten years.

He starts with a company that has consciously gone back to its roots. The process will be symbolically completed when BP's bead niffice returns, selfconsciously, in Sir Edwin Lutyens' old Britannic Hnuse, where the chairman's octag-nnal table and 1910 Persian carpet will surely look more

There is still a little matter



Creating value for shareholders: Robert Horton of BP of \$2 billion of coal and other from the four core businesses:

grouped as BP Nutrinon.

businesses themselves."

assets - Mr Horton habitually oil production, distribution, talks in dullars and wants more US sharehulders which remain nn the block.

"I am not interested in chasing growth or size for their own sake but in creating value for sharebolders," says Mr Horton. "I am determined to maintain dividends in real terms and hope to do a bit better than that."

Growth must also come

Exxon will remain the top

players." That leaves BP in a long-standing dilemma. It depends more heavily than its rivals on production — about 55 per cent of aperating profits from on-going activities - but its prime Alaskan and North See fields are mature and wasting

On the distribution side, # BP rates as one of the tops three, it is decidedly the weakest, with few positions of market leadership round the world outside the Sobjer

Mid-West heartland. Mr Horton sees plenty new opportunities to replace reserves. "Gas is very. important; the world has not yet grasped the full implications of the fact that produces only half the from burning coal and two

The oil shortage predicted for 1993-94 by BP and some oil analysts, which Mr Hortos thinks will raise prices to less than \$25 per barrel, could also nffer apportunities for a muturn to old glaries.

H He said the world was

ehemicals and the unprofitable assortment of enterprises bound to become more deper dent on Opec oil. BP also see "I am enmpletely opposed to any firm of diversification possibilities in developing of into any areas we are not in and especially gas, suppli from the Soviet Union.

today, so long as I am chair-man. BP is to be driven by the Mr Horton sees BP's foor moving downstream. The target is equally precise. have got to get nurseives to the "BP is now established as one number one position in of the world's top three oil number of markets."

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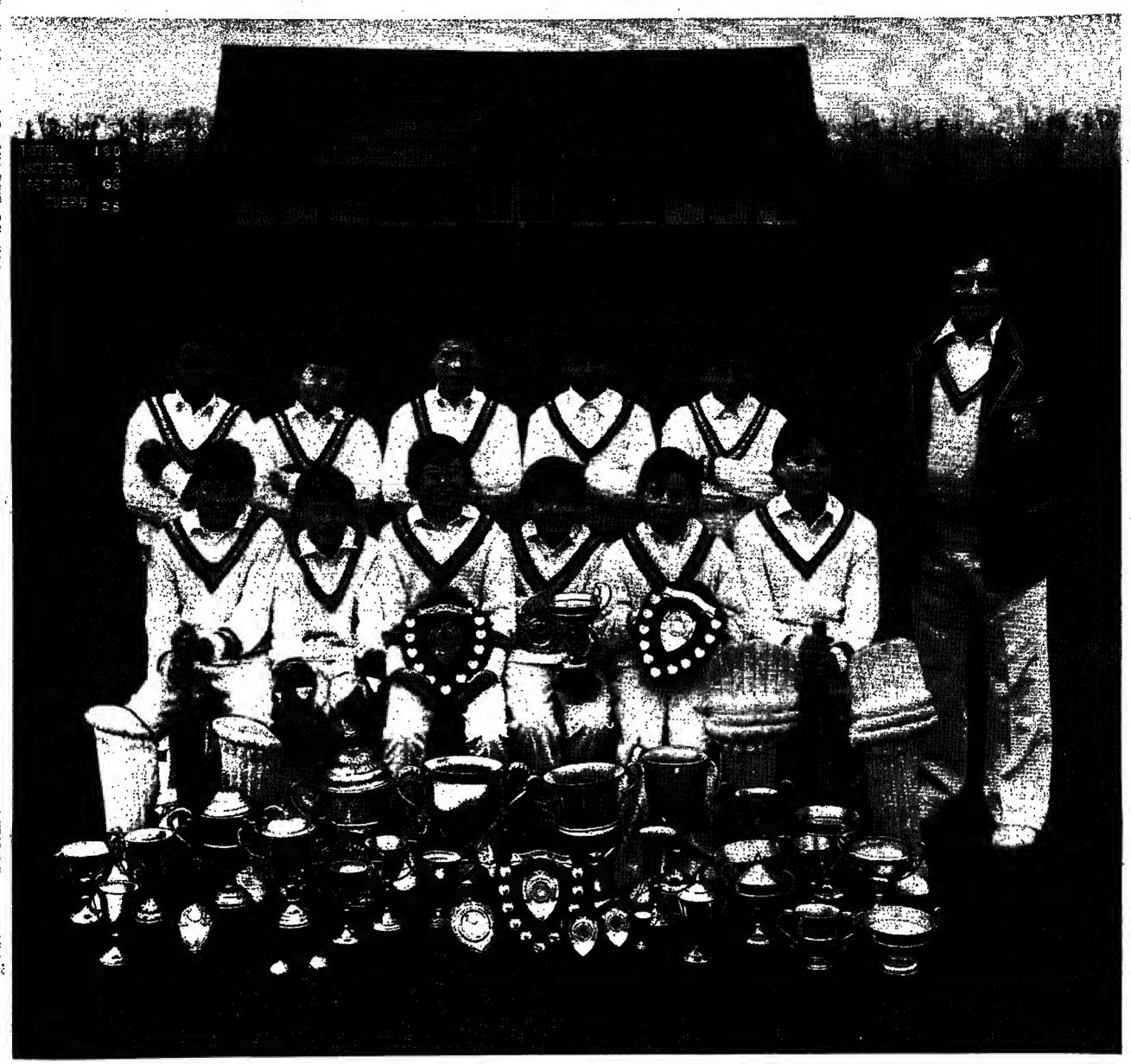
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Share prices suffer as interest rate fears grip the market

rates and the pound's plight the distillers who had to overnight on the foreign exchange market put the change market put the skids under share prices.

A sharp markdown saw the FT-SE 100 index tumble by almost 30 points in thin trading. It later rallied strongly -helped by Bank of England's attempts to halt the slide in sterling and the steady start to trading on Wall Street - to close only 9.4 down at 2.250.3. The FT index of 30 shares ended 6.2 lower at 1,771.4 on a turnover of 444 million shares. Dealers reported some selling by fund managers who were tidying up their port-folios as the first quarter draws

The prospect of another rise in interest rates sent government securities again reeling. At one stage, losses stretched to £2. By the close, the fall had been reduced to £1%.

BAT Industries eased 2p to 814p, despite reporting full-year figures ahead of forecasts with pre-tax profits up from £1.64 billion to £2 billion.

Brewery shares attracted selective buying, still relieved at the lenient treatment in the Budget with just extra 2p on a pint. Grand Metropolitan advanced 16p to 583p ahead of a visit by brokers to its US operations at the weekend. Allied-Lyons also firmed 2p to 437p, Bass 3p to 910p, Scottish & Newcastle 1p to 292p and Whithread A 2p to 374p. Guinness also rose 4p to 670p ahead of full-year figures today which are expected to show a rise of 30 per cent in taxable prnfits tn £670

Renishaw

rises 52%

to £5.4m Renishaw, maker of pre-

cision tool measuring devices,

has reported a 52 per cent rise

in pre-tax profits to £5.4

million, in the half-year to

Earnings per share rose by

48 per cent to 9.54p. The

interim dividend is up 43 per

Tullow ahead

Tullow Oil had pre-tax profits of Ir£189,929 (£185,115) for

1989. Turnover was In£1.5

million (Ir£2.05 million). It lost Ir£405,032 in 1988,

including Ir£953,746 written

off for new venture appraisal

costs. In 1989, these fell to Ir£62,707. There is no

Arcoelectric saw pre-tax profits slip from £612,940 to £217,225 last year, on sales of

£9.8 million (£10.1 million).

The total dividend remains 0.96p on a final 0.48p pay-

Shorco, the surveying equip-

ment company, took pre-tax profits to £965,000, from £690,000, in 1989. Sales rose to £6.2 million (£4.8 million).

The total dividend remains 4.5p after a final 2.5p.

Trevian Haldings has sold its

estate agency business to its

management. Mr David Cof-

fer, managing director of Dav-

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Trevian sale

Profits slip

Shorco up

December.

dividend.

cent to 2p (1.4p).

bottle with Highland falling 6p to 207p. The increase in duty on cigarettes and cigars also left Rothmans International B 5p lower at 639p.

The banks spent a quieter day as the initial euphoria arising from the alterations to the rules governing tax relief on bad debts began to fade. Barclays fell 6p to 567p, Lloyds 3p to 285p, National Westminster 2p to 342p and Midland 5p to 338p. Standard Chartered, the international banking group which reported a drop in profits this week, suffered a hefty fall but managed to reduce the loss to 1p at

the trend, climbing 7p to 687p. Barclays de Zoete Wedd is soon to publish an important review of Retrovir, the group's anti-Aids drug, which has been dictating the fortunes of its share price during the past few years. BZW declined to reveal the details of the report but continues to recommend to its clients overweight positions in the shares.

Carlton Communications fell 21p to 694p as the row about patents for its Paintbox graphics system continued. Last month, the High Court granted an injunction nn the Paintbox patent against Electronic Graphics, which is headed by Mr Mike Luckwell, a former Carlton managing director, who charged Carlton with abuse of monopoly. Carlton said the charges were

Last year, Cariton fought nff

From Lulu Yu, Hong Kong

Jardine Matheson Holdings

gave a much-needed boost to

the Hnng Kong stock market

by annuncing higher-than-

expected net profits, which soared 42 per cent to HK\$1.58 billion (£125 million) for

Earnings per share rose by 45 per cent to HK\$2.95. The

company is to pay a final

dividend of 74 cents per share,

making a total of 95 cents, up

The figures, which were

lifted by an extraordinary gain

of HK\$534 million from the

sale nf businesses, came as a

closed at HK\$26.30, up HK\$1

in a buoyant market which saw the Hang Seng index

finish 46.89 points higher at

Mr Henry Keswick, chairman, described the group's

performance as "outstanding" and expressed optimism ab-nut 1990. "The current year

has begun encouragingly and

while it is too early to make

any earnings prediction, we remain confident about the

prospects throughout the

He said the political turmoil in China last year had caused understandable anxiety in

Hnng Kong," but business

attractions of the colony re-

The group's subsidiaries, Jardine Pacific and Jardine

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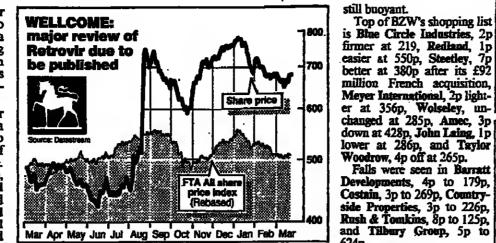
associates Dairy Farm, Hnng Kong Land and Mandarin

Oriental, all reported record

profits in the past week. But

mained strong.

46 per cent.



a challenge to the patents from Avesco, a rival company. Carlton received costs and damages totalling £1.6

Trafalgar House fell sharply but managed to recover some of the lost ground to close only

lose ground; falling 16p to 702p in the wake of a profits downgrading by UBS Phillips & Drew this week. UBS cut its forecast by £10 million to £320 million, blaming "significant problems" on the

Morgan Stanley, the securities house, has started its own grey market in the shares of Argos, the highly-rated retail chain which is being demerged from BAT Industries. Morgan opened dealings at 210p in a market of 100,000 shares. The price fell to 205p in the wake of the Budget, but Mr Nick Bubb, Morgan's retail analyst, thinks the right level is still 210p. He says that Argos is the best thing to enter the retail sector in a long time and be met the company yesterday.

lighter at 331p. Hoare Gnvett, the company's broker, has downgraded its forecast of pre-tax profits for the current year from £300 million to £285 million and by £20 million to £315 million for 1991. Hoare blames the downturn in the residential and commercial property markets and lower margins in its

Jardine Matheson lifts

market with £125m

Worries about higher in-terest rates continued to depress the building sector. But BZW has had a change of heart. It is now taking a bullish two-year view and expects the sector to outperform in the run-up to the general election. It says a Labour victory would not neccessarily be bad news and recommends buying those companies with exposure to the European market which is Thorn EMI continued to

from Capital Radio at 160p. Michael Clark

Slump hits figures from S&F

By Philip Pangalos

The severe downturn in housing building took its toll on Sharpe & Fisher, the building supplies group, with pre-tax profits rising below market expectations by 11.7 per cent to £2.91 million in the year to end-December.

Meanwhile, operating profits from the core building supplies business fell by 31.7 per cent to £1.77 million.

Earnings per share rose 16 per cent to 9.4p. The final dividend is 2.5p (nil), making 4p (1p) for the year. Sharpe & Fisher's shares lost 4p to 75p.

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Frankfurt prices rise 1.5%

Frankfurt (Reuter) — Shares by 5.63 to 2,744.37 at the start surged by 1.5 per cent in lively trading as the market responded to higher bond prices Furtheria about days. continue. None the less, anprices. Euphoria about devealysts said that short-term investors would be taking Inprments in Eastern Europe continued to drive some profits soon. stocks higher. The DAX index closed 29.16 points higher at

1,937.99 — just below the day's high of 1,940.20. Dealers said the index would probably rise above its record of 1,957.74 this week, if it could clearly break through the psychological barrier of 1.940.00. It could then rise quickly to the 2,000 level. Hong Kong's resilience to • New York - The Dow both Tokyo's plunge on Mon-

The Dow average fell by nearly 17 points on Tuesday. ending a four-day rally that saw the Dow's value rise by more than 3 per cent. ● Hong Kong - The Hang

Seng index rose 46.89 (1.63 per cent) to 2,926.92. The broader-based Hong Kong index rose 29.88 to 1,922.96.

million) from HK\$932.32 mil lion on Tuesday.

Sydney - The All-Ordinaries index closed 8.3 lower at 1.587.7. Shares drifted to a weaker close in thin and

lacklustre trading.

Singapore — The Straits Times industrial index rose 8.14 m 1,572.19. Prices closed firmer on selective buying support and bargain-hunting after a day of quiet trading. ● Tokyo - The market was closed for a public holiday.

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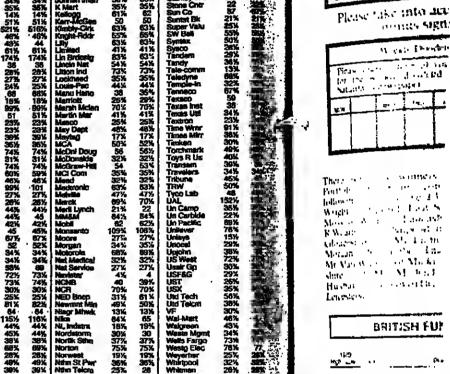
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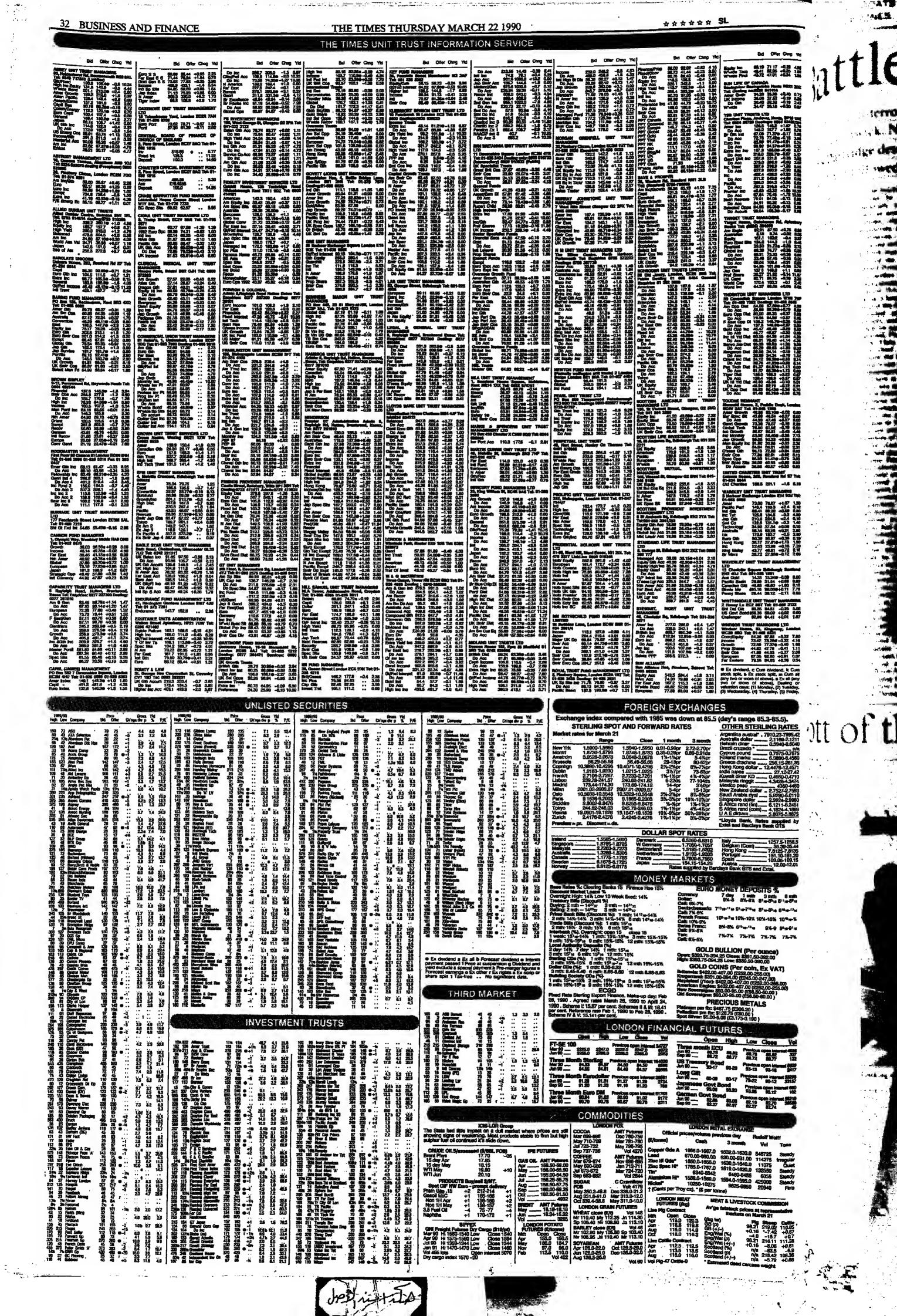
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New technologies to

Battle to beat airport bombers

Next month an anti-terrorist device goes on trial at Gatwick. Nick Nuttall and Chris Partridge describe the

systems that have followed Lockerbie

uring the next month a concrete bunker will take shape in the baggage handling section of Gatwick Airport. It marks the start of a project involving a £600,000 multi-ton American-made machine that will check every piece of luggage for bombs using a sophisticated irradiation technique. The device bathes the baggage in low-energy neutrons to detect any trace of

It is just one of a bost of security techniques in which companies are trying to interest airports and airlines. They include taking video pictures of all passengers, their baggage and passport details, a tunnel through which passengers would have to pass, and concealed video cameras, installed on air-craft, that could provide crucial information during a hijack.

The installation of a thermal

neutron analysis (TNA) machine at Gatwick will mark the beginning of a long-awaited Government-backed trial of the technology that has finally got the goahead more than a year after the explosion on Pan-Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie.

The machine, which will be on a 12-mooth trial with BAA, for-meny the British Airports Authority, and the Transport Department, should be able to identify conventional bombs and plastic explosives and divert suspect baggage from the main cooveyor belt into a special holding bay.

The Gatwick trial will be the basis for deciding whether similar machines should be installed at other international airports in Britain, A rival system developed in France is about to be installed at Charles de Gaulle Airport, Paris.

The new and complex TNA systems are expected to be far more effective than the X-ray machines and metal detectors oow used by airlines to search for hidden bombs.

The neutrons - heavy subatomic particles - emitted as a mist by the TNA, interact with organic materials and produce characteristic gamma rays, which are picked up and analysed by computer.

They have the advantage that they are not fooled by ploys, including moulding the plastic explosive into a shape such as that of the sole of a trainer shoe.

The machine's limitation is that it can be fooled by innocent materials loaded with nitrates such as some varieties of woolly jumper, especially if it is set sensitively enough to detect all explosives.

a TNA machine detected 95 per cent of the simulated explosives passed through them - a high but not perfect success rate. Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), the company in Santa Clara, California, that is behind the device, already has one installed at New York's JFK Airport, and final tests are being made on another at Miami International, Florida.

ny's chief scientist, says that despite the machine's high initial costs, it can pay for itself in a year

device basically clears bags, dividing those which are cleared from those which are uncleared. It can detect the type of explosive and the size to 100 per cent security if you are prepared to accept large oumbers of false alarms." The Gatwick trial will be

Atomic Energy Authority's Harwell Laboratories, who are design-ing their own TNA device with unnamed private industry and Transport Department support.

A prototype, claimed by the researchers to be potentially significantly cheaper than and superior to the American machine, has already been tested at an undisclosed British airport, a Harwell spokesman says.

security measures. Coupling an Xray machine to TNA machines, for example, could reduce the false alarm rate to 2 per cent.

A limitation of the TNA tecboology is that passengers cannot be screened with radioactivity. But a significant threat is posed by passengers unwittingly carrying bombs aboard, as did the pregnant girlfriend of Nezar Hindawi, the Jordanian terrorist sentenced three years ago for attempting to blow up an Israeli aircraft at Heathrow Airport.

To plug this gap, passengers at departure lounges may have to walk through a 9ft-long tunnel,

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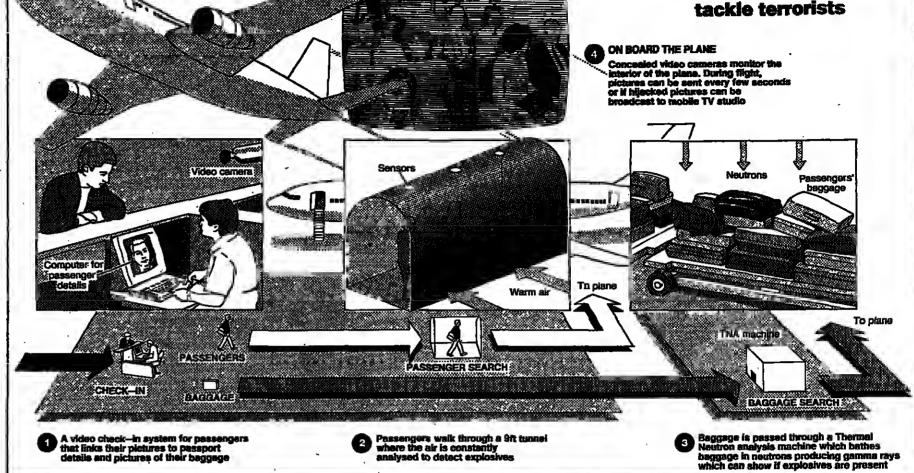
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if passengers are charged \$2 a bag.
"There is nothing 100 per cent
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One answer to the problem

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buffeted by warm air, which is analysed on the spot to detect explosives. The device is being developed by Scintrex, a Canadian company that already makes a portable explosives detector in use by the Army in Northern Ireland.

The device uses gas chromatography, a commoo laboratory technique in which gas is separated into its component parts in a filter, the position on every component oo the filter indicating its composition.

Companies are also investigating other techniques to find explosives hidden in baggage. Matsushita Electric, for example, has put its faith in a technique borrowed from biomedicine. which it will formally unveil in Japan next week.

Instead of using radiation, the company is harnessing antibodies to pinpoint vapours of explosive trinitrotoluene (TNT) coming from luggage or people.

Monoclonal antibodies bind to

ooe specific re-ageot. In the case of the human body, an antibody will attack just one disease.

Classically, antibodies work with chemicals of high video cameras at every check-in if

molecular weight, whereas airborne molecules from TNT have a low molecular weight.

The achievement of the Japanese scientists has been to culture antibodies that will bind to these low-weight molecules.

Bathed in ultra-violet light, the sample or assay flooresces when TNT is absent or fails to fluoresce if TNT molecules have been found. Traditional monoclonal assay tests require five hours and complex laboratory procedures. Matsushita claims its test can be done simply in less than a minute. Matsushita is now refining the

technology to detect organic chemicals such as those produced from Semtex and other plastic British Aerospace has developed a bomb-sniffer that uses mass spectrometery called Coodor, which "weighs" atoms by

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'Passengers may be sent through a tunnel of

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a development by a Sooth Wales company takes off.

The company bas adapted the animation technology developed to put the cartoon character Roger Rabbit next to real-life actors so that it photographs passengers when they check in and links them with their passport details, pic-tures of their luggage and time and date codes.

Ninety thousand single-frame shots can be stored on a laser disc or an boor-loog video tape. "The population of the United Kingdom could be put oo to a square metre of tape," says Keith Lewis, of EOS Electronics.

A single image can be retrieved by security and police officers looking for a suspect in seconds. Airport authorities hope the system may also act as a deterrent. In the United States a different kind of video surveillance system

has just been developed that broadcasts high-definition pic-tures every 22 seconds from the interior of an aircraft to security men on the ground. Tests from an aircraft 38,000ft

above New York to an undisclosed country in the Middle East have been conducted.

John Hale, of the developers Say Zen, says the system could prove invaluable during a hijack attempt. Troops and police on the tarmac could already have valuable information about the oumber and position of the terrorists before storming the aircraft.

The hidden surveillance broadcast system can also be programmed to transmit ooe lowerdefinition picture every five seconds.

The in-flight broadcast system may offer one answer to hijacks, but a British system may make the broadcasting idea even more flex-

ible. The system, which is marketed by Fieldtech, a security and maintenance company in west Loodon, involves hiding eight or more video cameras in the cabin in such a way as to cover all areas

without revealing their presence.
All the cameras are linked to a concealed television transmitter. Once an aircraft is hijacked the airline's security officer would rush to the scene with what looks like an ordinary executive briefcase - except that it cootains a complete, miniature televisioo studio. Opening the briefcase reveals a small televisioo monitor and a video-recorder.

Within a minute, the case can start receiving signals from the cameras in the aircraft. The link between the aircraft and the briefcase is encrypted in case the hijackers have frieods on the ground with radio equipment.

The science and technology to prevent bombs being placed on aircraft is developing fast. What remains to be seen is bow far governments insist oo their installation or how far airlines, and ultimately their passengers, are willing to pay for them.

Scott of the Midwest

A bird protection project in the States will copy Sir Peter Scott's pioneering work

he approach pioneered by the late Sir Peter Scott at Slimbridge, Gloucestershire, for the conservation of wildfowl, and the lakes and wetlands on which it thrives, is being adopted for the first comparable experiment in the United States (Pearce Wright writes).

The organization, which evolved from Sir Peter's work, the British Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, is establishing a new ceotre at Sturgis, Michigan, one of the many lakeland and wildfowl areas in the US.

The centre will be opened formally tomorrow by the newly formed American Friends of the Wildlife and Wetlands Trust. Professor David Gosling, an Amcrican biologist, and Douglas Hauyler, head of the education department at Slimbridge, will explain plans that will start with a wetlands and conservation programme io local schools and the creation of a wetlands practical educational centre.

Professor Gosling has just returned to the US after sabbatical leave at Slimbridge, where be studied the type of wildlife research, educational projects and methods of developing and operating sites that the trust now applies at eight places in Britain one each in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, and five in England. He has also been a member of the Slimbridge trust for 25 years.

Although other American wildfowl groups are co-operating in the Sturges venture, the British group differs by emphasizing site-based practical conservation work and broad educational schemes.

Vicki Copeland, who will be the assistant director, says: "The Wildfowl Trust was looking at a



Looking and learning at Slimbridge: Sturgis will also have a window

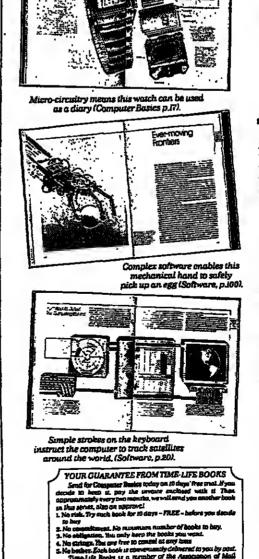
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Professor Gosling says: "The educational centre will provide a window through which people can begin to appreciate the need to conserve the ecological web that links every living thing on this planet." Professor Gosling, who proposed the North American headquarters to trust officials last

May, will be the centre's director. Miss Copeland says the possibility of acquiring conservation management of several privately owned wetlands areas around Sturgis is being considered. But the plan is to model the project on pioneering work at Slimbridge, which promotes conservation of the world's geese, swans and ducks and the wetlands areas that support waterfowl and other wildlife. Prince Charles is president of the 38,000-member organization.

In addition to providing educational programmes in nature conservation, the new centre is intended to be a base from which to expand on its 100 North American members.

The trust employs more than 20 full-time researchers and coordinates wetlands and wildfowl informatioo from about 1,500 volunteers. It conducts breeding programmes and provides natural and re-created refuge areas for wildfowl species threatened in



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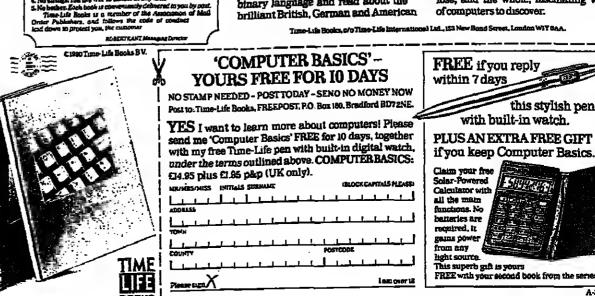
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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Frozen embryos are helping the Soviet Union to improve its goat-milk yield, Pearce Wright reports





Milk of kindness: British Saanens (above) and cashmere kids, raised from imported Siberian embyros (right) and shown with their British mother, are being used to try to raise Soviet yields

make test-tube ba-bies possible is being used in experiments to establish new types of animal husbandry in the Soviet Union and Scotland.

The results of one project, which could influence Soviet attempts to move from bureaucratic collectives to ased family farms, should be known next month. It depends on the birth of British Saanen breed kids from frozen embryos transported last December to the Siberian artificial insemination farm, 200 miles from the "science city" of Novosibirsk.

The object is to determine

computer costing only £25,000 beat a £2.5 mil-

lioo supercomputer in

handling certaio prob-

lems? Apparently so. Independent

Livermore National Laboratory io

California have tested a recently

announced IBM workstation ag-

ainst a Cray supercomputer costing

scientific calculations, the work-

station is faster and, by implication,

would be able to handle some prob-

lems better than a big mainframe

Eugene Brooks, a researcher, first

tested a program that simulated the

The verdict is that for certain

more than £2.5 million.

Test-tube diplomacy

for its high milk yield, of up to 1,000 litres over 200 to 250 days, and because records of

the records for their female ancestors and the descendants of the buck selected for the ioseminatioo programme,

Even so, the frozen embryos Soviet venture in an exchange were held in suspended animation for a quarantine period until tests to ensure that none of the donor animals had

Soviet surrogate mothers was done by a team working with Dr Bill McKelvey, of Edinburgh Genetics, the commerof frozen embryos by his group. The other project, which involved the transfer of Siberian cashmere goats to Scotland, should reach its second phase next month when two herds formed from 220 kids, born to surrogates last year from frozen embryos. produce a first generation of

Whereas the Saanens are needed in the Soviet Union to establish a productive goat's milk industry, the Siberian breed is to provide a new

farming opportunity for Scot-land and an alternative source of fibre for a burgeoning cashmere industry that im-ports all of its 1,200 tonnes,

The aim is to breed an indigenous animal capable of competing with the goats in China, Afghanistan, Iran and Mongolia that supply highquality cashmere fibre.

Under a two-year pro-gramme partly funded by the European Community, two herds have been established by the Macaulay Land Use Research Institute outside Edinburgh and the Scottish Colleges of Agriculture to breed a strain of cashmere native goat able to match the quality and quantity of its

growth last year.

One leading agency describes the market as "very our books."

Christine Symons, the show

The slower market is also

The National Computing Matthew May | Centre's (NCC) annual survey

are louth to start internaldevelopment projects and are either delaying projects or buying in already developed software packages to contain A & G Marketing has conducted a survey with the recruitment agencies before worth £60 million a year.

every Contactors Show. It reports this year that most contractors are being hired for only three to six months, when most positions last year were for six months or more. This is reflected in figures

resulting in fewer and shorter contracts. Many con

of vacancy rates compiled from firms attending the show. They say they expect the con-tractor market to grow by 5 per cent this year, compared with their expectation of 18 per cent

flat" and says that there has been no growth since last year. Other agencies say the market has reduced. George Coggin, of Fernhart Select, says: "The number of vacancies is 60 per cent down on the same time last year. Companies are not filling places — we have more contractors than positions on

rganizer, says agencies are "feeling a little of a cold wind" and that the number attending this year is slightly down. She attributes this to agencies cutting costs.

having a more direct effect on agencies; several have merged or gone out of business. Mrs Symons says: "I'wo or three small agencies have gone out of business in recent weeks."

Hard times for the contractors

Daily rates for freelances are still good - but the vacancies are fewer

showed that just under 10 per cent of all system-development have seen their market com during the past decade. staff were contractors. Sal-aries have improved in line with inflation for those with a starting in London tomorrow contract. They still, however, earn an average of £28,906, about double that for permaturning into a shrinking market. takes place amid what may be Recruitment firms report that a recession in IT is Dent Staff.

Contracting remains attractive because of the pay, and attendances at the two-day show are expected to be high.
About 4,500 IT employees
attended last year's.

The NCC says that average daily rates charged last year were £223 for system analysis and 2172 for programs eltants averaged £325. programmers, but top-level IT consultants, who earn the highest rates, are experienc-ing declining demand as com-panies cut costs.

Contractors are also facing stiff competition from pro-fessional computer-services companies. Many software houses now let their staff for hire to bu nesses on short-

he Price Waterhouse consultancy conducts a ss managers. It has ned the phrase "out-reing" to describe companies' use of both categories of contractors. It reports that a quarter of IT staff are outsourced and that once the use of packages is included, more than 60 per cent of software is not developed in-

Could the downward trend be temporary? Roger Palmer, marketing director of MDA Computer Group, claims the market is often dull at this time of year because it is the end of the financial year for many companies. He adds: "The market has slowed, but it will pick up,"

Leslie Tilley The Contractors Show (0990) 23293) is on at the New Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London WC2, tomorrow

can be established in Siberia to provide the record levels of milk, yoghurt and cheese productioo achieved in a special flock of British Saanens that has provided the experimental progeny.

More than 200 embryos

were taken from 25 of the most productive goats in a herd formed more than 50 years ago in Berkshire at the Shinfield farm of the Agricultural and Food Research Council Institute for Grassland and Animal Production. whether high-yield dairy herds The Shinfield herd was chosen

operation of a nuclear reactor and

discovered that it ran 10 per cent

faster oo the IBM 6000 series model

530 workstation. Another program

that simulated a computer network

ogy known as RISC, or reduced in-

struction set computing, which

simplifies the design and makes for

faster operation. Unlike other work-

stations, the IBM versioo also

includes a process known as super-

scalar execution, which means the

machine can bandle as many as five

instructions at once. The results do

oot mean that mainframe and

The workstation uses a technol-

ran more than 50 per cent faster.

breeding performance and production have been kept since 1939, which enabled Soviet experts to judge its quality as a genetic resource. Before choosing stock from Shinfield for the frozen embryo experiment, Soviet experts analysed the yield records of all the dooor dams,

any incipient disease.

The freezing, storage, transport, thawing and re-implantation of the embryos into

Workstation humbles supercomputer

supercomputers will instantly be-

come obsolete because there are

many tasks that are impossible to

For example, problems where

loog strings of calculations are

needed, such as weather predictioo

or crash simulation, still require the

capabilities of supercomputers.

Manufacturers of larger comput-

ers are firmly resisting suggestions that ever more powerful desktop

computers will put them and their machines - which can cost hun-

dreds of thousands of pounds - out

of business. The prediction of the

death of minicomputers and main-

handle on workstations.

cial arm of the Scottish Colleges of Agriculture. In fact, the export of British Saanens is the second Anglo-

A test of two machines may mean big savings for business users

frames has, they say, been greatly exaggerated. But manufacturers of larger computers are facing fierce com-petition from the linking of relatively cheap desktop computers and workstations, coupled with an increasing belief by customers that the huge price difference between large and personal computers can

oo longer be justified. Even companies, such as IBM with a chip firmly in both camps, face the problem of trying to atract new customers with so-called "killer micros" without losing revenues from existing customers, who

realize they may be able to move to the new breed of smaller computers with a huge financial saving. Measured purely in terms of power, the price per mips - million instructions per second - of the oew IBM workstations, is far below that of

the company's mainframes. Demand for large mainframes and supercompoters is still being maintained, but that for cooventional minicomputers and small mainframes is weakening.

So far, workstations have been aimed largely at scientists and engineers. They are expected to appeal increasingly to commercial

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Micro applications form another important arm in the overall development of Information Technology both in the Neighbourhoods and the Centre with a user base in excess of 500, Tower Hamlets has standardised on IBM hardware and the following software: DW4, SC5, d Base, Clipper and Pagemaker. We need people with a proven track record in applications development and support. Experience in Novell networks and PC based project management would also be useful - up to £20,000.

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Medicine's bloody revolution The future of medicine depends largely on learning lea

ing lessons from the past. That message emerges from a new exhibition which traces some of the medical advances and setbacks of the last 150 years.

When King's College Hospital opened near Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, in 1840, it had an abattoir on one side and a graveyard on the other, and medicine had a close relationship with both. The average lifespan among the capital's working class was a mere 22 years.

Operations were performed with primitive anaesthetics by surgeons using knives that resembled butchers' cleavers and, not surprisingly, at least half of their patients died. Leeches were employed to bleed fevers, nurses were untrained, and antiseptics were unknown.

The "Leeches to Lasers" exhibition, which opened yesterday, reflects the development of King's and chronicles a century and a half of social agonies and scientific progress in British health care. It also shows that, in some ways at

least, little has changed.

Doctors fretted about the impact on public health of raw sewage poured every day into the Thames. Politicians were more pragmatic. In 1856 the stench from the river was so bad that curtains soaked in chloride of lime were draped across the windows of the Houses of



The new hospital was hardly opened before it was closing some of its wards and turning away patients because of a lack of funds. Conditions were so awful that Robert Bentley Todd, first dean of the medical department, took pity and offered some of his charges a glass of warmed brandy - thus inventing what we know now as a hot toddy.

The first nurses training school in London was established at the bospital in 1856. The women worked an average of 70 hours a

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exhibition that chronicles a century and a half of social

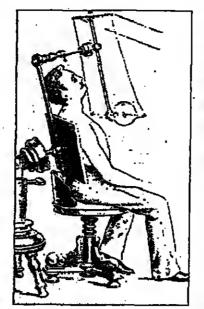
agonies and scientific progress in

British health care

Left: An early appliance for inhaling chloroform, which was taken by Queen Victoria in 1853 during the hirth of Prince Leopold, on the advice of her dector, John Snow, and (right) a drawing of one of the first X-ray machines

week and were paid only £20 or £30 a year. Some received nothing but free bed and board. They toiled in wards which Sister Mary Jones described at the time as in "such an appalling state of disorder" that nurses who began the day in "clean and dainty uniforms" ended it "tooking like a set of sweeps or charwomen".

There was little they could do for the victims of cholera epidemics which raged through east London in 1865. More than half of those



infected died within days in the hospital's cholera wards.
Florence Nightingale, who work-

ed at King's, wrote in a letter to The Times in 1876: "Hospitals are but an intermediate stage in civiliza-tion. The ultimate object is to nurse all the sick et home." Her sentiments are finding favour with health planners in today's beleaguered National Health Service. Joseph Lister was appointed professor of clinical surgery at King's in 1877. His obsession with

sprayed it into the air.

Post-surgical death rates on his ward dropped from 50 per cent to 1.5 per cent, and the hospital's general mortality rate fell to 9 per cent. By then, general anaesthesia, using chloroform and ether, were being gradually introduced in British hospitals. Queen Victoria had taken it in 1853 for the birth of Prince Leopold, on the advice of her

doctor, John Snow.

A drawing of the device is contained in *The Illustrated History Of Surgery*, by Knut Haeger, recently published by Harold Starke,

King's College Hospital moved to its present site in Denmark Hill, Camberwell, south-east London, in 1913. Since then it has become one of London's largest general hos-pitals and has an international reputation in medical research. It is at the forefront of diabetes

treatment, cardiac surgery, organ transplantation, infertility treatment and the use of lasers in eye

◆ The "Leeches To Lasers" exhibition, is at King's College, The Strand, London, until March 30. From April 9 until May 1 it will be staged at King's College School of Medicine and Dentistry, Bessemer Road, London SE5. It is open from 9am until 6pm on weekdays and from 10am until 5pm at weekends. Admission is free.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Computer hacker strikes again carried a virus which erases files that could help carried a virus which brought hundreds of computer security experts to computers to a halt in 1988 is track down where the informaunder attack by a backer

tion is going. Although the passwords are in a scrambled form, experts believe the backer has been able to decode the files. He has broken into Internet via a series of different computers to prevent officials being able to trace the calls.

Those involved in trying to stop the backer include a out the world. The backer has been identified as breaking into the computers of, among others, the Los Alamos laboratory, Digital Equipment and Harvard University.

stop the backer include a Computer Response Emergency Team set up by Carnegie Mellon University's software engineering institute in Pittsburgh. It has confirmed that "several dozen" of the gency Team set up by Car-negie Mellon University's software engineering institute in Pittsburgh. It has confirmed that "several dozen" of the thousands of computers connected to the network have been broken into. But damage by the intruder has been minimal, according to govern-

Like other countries, the US has become concerned that its computer networks are not secure. In January, Mr Morris was convicted of computer hacking after disrupting sands of computers and causers and having gained access steals coded files containing millions of pounds. He has not yet been sentenced, but faces up to five years in gaol and fines of up to \$250,000.

ment officials.

Matthew May

Progress on ČFCs



The production of listed chlorofluorocarhons (CFCs), could be removed by the end of the century, thanks to three weeks of meetings in

Geneva by countries which signed the Montreal Protocol. Under the protocol, signed in 1987, the signatories were to cut CFCs by 50 per cent by 1999. Now about 50 nations, including the world's higgest producers and consumers of the gases that damage the ozone layer, are expected to adopt much more severe cuts at a meeting in Loodon scheduled for June. It will cover CFCs used in refrigeration and aerosol sprays, as well as carbon tetrachlodride and methyl tetrachloride used as solvents in industry.

Mars food bars

A manned expedition to Mars could take three years and lyrea, Italy, and included the on how enough food, water cal choices based solely on and oxygen should be carried. Scientists are looking at the possibility of farming in space to provide food for crews and to absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen. At the Kennedy Space Centre, wheat, soya beans, rice and some vegetables are being grown in special "biomass" chambers. where plants are fed by a continuously flowing nutrient film. Nasa is also studying a salad machine to grow vegetables as well as looking at the possibility of algae and bacteria as food. But in a study at the University of California, people trying to use bacteria for food suffered gout and other side-effects.

Water alert



Nitrate pollution has made drinking water unsafe for pregnant women and newly born babies in 24 municipalities of northern

Belgium. More than 120,000 families have received letters from the authorities warning them to use mineral water if they are pregnant or have babies under four months to avoid the possiblity of comracting cyanosis. Nitrate levels in Belgium should be below 50 milligrams per litre, but have risen as high as 75 milligrams. Officials have blamed excessive farm fertilization and pollution. caused by last year's dry summer, for the problems.

Video show

vision sets and vidcophones at them into traps. The univer-the Video Show to be held this sity will co-ordinate the work weekend at the Horticultural of colleagues in Spain, Italy Halls Westminster Exhibition and Greece for the project Centre, London SW1. It will which is being partly funded puts images up to 8ft on the on chemical pesticides for the phone about to go on general but pesis and plant diseases sale in Britain. The show runs can still result in crop losses of from Friday afternoon until up to 30 per cent. Sunday and the entry fee is

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Pope John Paul II has warned of

made during a visit to Olivetti's headquarters in profits, a morally unacceptable growth in unemployment and the sacrifice of man to machine with a loss in the quality of life. The Pope also warned of the temptation to make technology a new idol.

Game of strife

A new style of video game where a players movements are captured by a video camera and become part of the game is being developed hy Toronto-based Video Effects. The system makes it possible to cooceive elaborate video adventure games, where, for example, the player is placed inside the scene on the televison set and can battle a monster. It is also possible to play musical instruments without touching them. In one demonstration by the company, a user can play drums just by making drumming motions. The system, known as Mandela, is being sold to museums, science centres and theme parks, although the company is also designing versions for the home.

Pest attack



Videophiles are promised a replace chemicals to attack plethora of pocket-size cam- damaging pests and use of sexcorders, wide-screen tele- attracting chemicals to lure include demonstrations of a by the European Commission. home television projector that More than £50 million is spent wall and the first video tele- £3-billion olive oil industry,

few human hairs, which can run at more than 100,000 revolutions a minute, has been developed and could eventually be used in scientific instruments or for surgery. The machine, known as a wobble motor, is a tiny rod that turns inside a shaft and is driven by applying a voltage to various points embedded in the wall of the shaft. The developers at the University of Utah say the motor wobbles rather than rotates as there is less friction.

Papal warning



the dangers to humanity from advanced technology. His remarks - were



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A computer intruder has

been discovered stealing pass-

words and erasing files from

dozens of computers linked to

the Internet network in the

United States, which links corporations, universities,

military installations and gov-

ernment laboratories through-

The rogue program is using known security flaws on the network, but it is particularly

galling for security chiefs that

it is the same one that was

jammed by a computer virus

written by Robert Morris in November 1988.

The current intruder is not a

replicating virus like that writ-

ten by Mr Morris but a single

program that systematically tries to enter different comput-

ers and having gained access

The file is then copied to

another computer where the

password can be decoded. The

backer has also included a

is e successful international organisation which is self-financing and in the course of rapid expansion To help with this dynamic international growth we need to add to our current staff of some 3000. We are looking for EDP Specialists to work with major EDP systems which support the complex patent granting procedures, end for which more then 20 000 000 patent documents are available for consultation.

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In the Computing Centre in The Hegue the current environment comprises an IBM 3090-380s (70 MIPS), and two 8370's with In total 180 GB of disk storage. Our offices in Munich and Berlin elso heve a 4381-R14 and 9370 installed respectively. Planned upgrades for 1990 include moving to a 3090-400 (110 MIPS) with some 240 GB of disk storage. Over the next two years the Jeleprocessing network of approximately 600 lerminals and 900 PS/2's will increase to some 2500 workstations.

As a result of these developments the computer department is being further strangthened and for 1990, posts at both A-grade and ·B-grade level in a range of specialist ereas are being created in both The Hague, Munich and Berlin.

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new telephone network which can handle two calls at once, transmit computer data while someone is talking and which paves the way for videophones — over existing telephone will become available next

British Telecom will make an mitial 90,000 lines available for the service and expects that millions could be using it by the end of the

Called the integrated services digital network (ISDN), it is a Product of the futuristic thinkers of the 1970s, and has taken a lot longer to arrive than was hoped.
What distinguishes ISDN is that

it is a digital technology, like the compact disc or the computer. This means that information - for encoded as numbers rather than electrical signals.

It is claimed to be practically immune to interference and promises crystal clear communication. Businesses already have access to some of its facilities via expensive private or leased lines, but the advantage of ISDN is that it will work over existing telephone lines when introduced at a local exchange.

The system, it is predicted, will offer up to 100 times improvement in performance, and - because people are charged by the length of a call - a reduction in costs. Many experts believe this will encourage a whole new range of services. Experience from other countries

suggests they may be right.
In the United States, it is being used to transmit X-ray images from a patients' clinic to a central site. where a radiologist makes a diagnosis. This dramatically cuts patients' travel time and uses expensive medical experts more efficiently.

A hotel in Reno, Nevada, is using the network to beat its rivals to guests arriving at the airport. At the touch of a video screen, they can reserve a room, check in, make dinner reservations or book a show. The screen also displays images of the hotel rooms, restaurant menus, and lists special events.

Publishers are using it to get copies of photographs from all over the world. With the old picture wire service, a publishable image takes 20 minutes to transmit. Time magazine's New York beadquarters gets pictures from its Paris office in iust 15 seconds.

And in San Ramon, California, a computer disaster recovery service uses the system to belp businesses whose computer systems have

In West Germany, the new network is centralizing control of manufacturing equipment. And in

At long last, the future arrives

'The integrated services digital network will help make the facsimile a household item around the year 2000. Home users will receive their mail and newspapers by fax and even written traffic updates in their cars' Tseuno Hara



British Telecom and Mercury are also developing a message-based signalling system for ISDN, called the Intelligent Network. Unlike conventional telephone systems, where signals are simple pulses of current or pitch changes, ISDN uses its own special computer language. This can convey information such as a call's priority or the caller's identification.

of Canon

For instance, business customers with offices in London, Manchester and Glasgow can be offered a single telephone number and the network will route the call to the nearest office to the caller.

France, a chain of estate agents is using ISDN to show clients images and details of properties stored in a central computer.

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Calls that can track you down

The office to be chosen can even be linked to the time of day or day of the week. For example, Monday to Friday all calls could go to London, but weekend callers could be routed to a recorded message from Birmingham.

Calls can also be assigned

miles away - making approval

Other potential uses are the sending of high-speed, high-resolution faxes, improved line quality so that music over the telephones will sound much better, and very fast data transmission.

It will also be technically feasible

priority status. For instance, n 999 call could override a less important one. Or in a major disaster, emergency services could be as-spred the connections they need. Calls with no chance of getting through to an engaged number could be halted before they get on to the main network - useful where numbers are shown on television.

Domestic telephone users may even be able to take their telephone number with them wherever they go. Users could simply enter a personal identification number to have the call charged to their home

to introduce the controversial caller

identification service, where callers'

numbers are displayed on a small screen before a call is answered. ISDN offers two communications channels per line rather than the single line of today's telephone system. And because connections are set up using computer tecb-

niques rather than simple electromechanical or electronic switching methods, the network even makes intelligent decisions, such as how to route calls most effectively or assign different levels of priority to dif-

ferent types of call. But one of the most significant differences between ISDN and to-day's telephone system is that it treats voice conversations, fax transmissions or computer-to-computer data calls in exactly the same

Today's telephone lines can be adapted to carry data via so-called modems, which convert digital to analogue signals and vice versa. This is how today's fax machines. computers and even hole-in-the wall cash machines communicate. But because the system is designed to carry voice and not data, a relatively complex and time-wasting start-up routine is required.

ven the fastest of today's data links over telephone lines can only manage to relay 19,200 bits of information a second that is about two seconds for an A4 page of text. Typically, people use 1,200 or 2,400 bits a second. ISDN can handle 64,000 bits a second on each of its two channels.

From April 24, it is planned that hundreds of businesses will be able to use the new service. By the end of next year, 2,000 local exchanges should be able to provide ISDN. By the middle of the decade it will be offered as the regular telephone service nationwide.

The only sour note to the whole ISDN story is the worry expressed by some experts that it will not be cheap enough for widespread accep-tance. BT has not yet announced tariffs, but they are expected to be considerably higher — particularly the connection and standing charges - than the charges for conventional systems.

Estimates of the initial cost of an ISDN telephone of between £300 and £500 compare to between £10 and £40 for a conventional tele-phone. And ISDN facsimile machines are currently thousands of pounds. ISDN's prices will have to fall to the same level as today's equipment if it is to have broad

Many experts believe, however, that within a few years ISDN will have a great impact on the way we use communications in the home. Isuneo Hara, group executive for Japanese photographic and electronics giant Canon, predicts that ISDN will help make the facsimile a bousehold item around the year

Home users, predicts Mr Hara, will receive their mail and newspapers by fax and even written traffic updates in their cars.

SCIENCE REPORT

Mini-mice clue to dwarfism

Genetically-engineered mice could shed light on human growth defects

tant clues nbout human dwarfism, according to new research. The genetically engineered mice ordinary mice, but have similar concentrations of growth hormone in their

help researchers understand the root cause of growth-hormone-resistant dwarfism in humans, in even after treatment with growth bermone.

Writing in tomorrow's issue of Science, Xin Xiang, Kathleen Benson and Kiran Chada of the Univ-

ersity of Medicine and Dentistry in Piscataway. New Jersey, describe how they created strains of "mini-mice" after injecting n fragment of n human gene into a mouse embryo, raising the mouse to

matnrity, then breeding from it. This four- do not know the function of der mouse looked normal, the gene on chromosome 10 but one of its grand-daugh- but a cine could come from ters turned out to be n dwarf. recent family studies on a
She was just the first of n rare dwarfism in humans.

whole race of mini-mice perfectly healthy, but unusually small. Mini-mice occur quite naturally, when a gene on chromosome 10 refuses to work normally. In the artificially created mini-mice, the human gene fragment spliced itself into

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All the variations echo a very definite theme, though - that of growth-hormonewhich people do not grow, resistant dwarfism. Some forms of dwarfism result when the body cannot make enough growth hormone to

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amount of growth hormone as their bigger brothers and sisters: the problem is that the bormone is not getting through to the cells that need it. The researchers

aron dwarfism in humans is inherited in the same way as the artificially altered gene mini-mice, and is growth-hormone-resistant.

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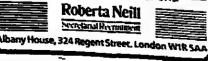
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The judge ruled in respect of section 3(2) that what the

prosecution had to prove, in relation to each defendant, was

that there was an agreement to which that defendant was a

party, made within the jurisdic-

tion, to procure that a broadcast or broadcasts should be made

to procure that a broadcast be

made by British citizens operat-ing equipment necessary for that

considered by the courts.

persons referred to in the anb-

section and not to the making of

the honodeast itself and the

manner in which the broadcast

The legislation was clearly

designed to prevent, so far as possible, broadcasts from ships

lying in the sea outside terri-torial limits.

Clearly it was effective if the

rosecution proved that the roadcasters on the ship were British subjects. What, then, was the effect if they were not, or not

to section 5.

Court of Appeal

'As' means 'in the manner of' for radio pirates

section shall be guilty of an

subsection (1) above are the

following namely:—(a) a criticen of the United Kingdom and

colonies: (b) a British subject by virtue of section 2 of the British

Nationality Act 1948 . . . (c) a British subject without citizenship by virtue of section 13 or section 16 of that Act . . . (d) a

British subject by virtue of the British Nationality Act 1965; and (e) n British protected person (within the meaning of

the British Nationality Act

"(3) The persons referred to in

Regina v Murray and Others Before Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Waite and Mr Justice

[Judgment March 19] The words "as mentioned in the The words "as mentioned in the foregoing subsection" in section 3(2) of the Marine, etc Broadcasting (Offences) Act 1967 should be interpreted as referring to the acts of broadcasting specified in section 3(1)(a) to (a) and were not limited to such a section as when mited to such acts when committed by that category of persons listed in section 3(3)

be interpreted as meaning "in the manner of The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing appeals against conviction by Nicholas Edward Mnrray, Paul Faires, John Cole, Rob Eden and Linda Ann

who would be guilty of offences under that section. "As" should

On November 17, 1988 in Canterbury Crown Court (Judge Coombe and a jury) they all pleaded not guilty to contraven-ing the 1967 Act. On November 18 Faires changed his plea to smitry

On November 28, following submissions, Mr and Mrs Murray and Cole changed their pleas to guilty. On November 30, after a trial, Eden was convicted.

Nicholas Murray, for conspir-Nucloias Murray, for conspir-ing to contravene section 3, contrary to section 1 of the Criminal Law Act, 1977, was fined £1,000 and ordered to pay £1,500 towards the prosecution costs; for conspiring to contra-vene section 5 he was fined £500. Faires, for conspiring to contravene section 5, was fined Criminal Law Act, 1977, was fined £1,000 and ordered to pay £1,500 towards the prosecution costs; for conspiring to contravene section 5 he was fined £500. Faires, for conspiring to contravene section 5, was fined £1,000 with £500 costs. Cole, for

conspiring to contravene section ship or aircraft: any of the 3, was fined £1,500 with £1,500 persons mentioned in subcosts. Eden, for inviting another section (3) below who operates, to advertise by means of a or participates in the operation broadcast to be made from a ship on the high seas, in contravention of section 5, was fined £250. Linds Murray, for conspiring to contravene constraints to contravene constraints to contravene constraints to contravene constraints and contravene constraints to contravene constraints and contravene constraints to contravene constraints and contravene contravene constraints and contravene constraints and contravene conspiring to contravene sectoroadcast to be made as mentions 3 and 5, was fined £500 tioned in the foregoing sub-

Section 1 of the 1967 Act provides: "It shall not be lawful for a broadcast to be made from a ship or sireraft while it is in or over the United Kingdom or external waters, nor shall it be lawful for a broadcast to be made from a ship registered in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or any of the Channel Islands or an aircraft so reg-istered while the ship or aircraft is elsewhere than in or over the United Kingdom or external waters [defined in section 9 as meaning the whole of the sea adjacent to the United Kingdom

Section 5 prohibits acts relatwhich is within the seaward limits of the territorial waters ing to matter broadcast from adjacent thereto']."
Section 2 prohibits broadcastships, aircraft, etc. Mr Michael Cousens, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellants, ing from marine structures. Section 3 provides: "(t) If a

oadcast is made — (a) from a Mr Bruce Houlder for the ship other than one registered in the United Kingdom, the Isle of LORD JUSTICE WATKINS Man or any of the Channel Islands while the ship is on the said that between January 1984 and November 1985 pirate high seas; or (b) from an aircraft radio stations called Laser and Caroline were broadcasting popular music and advertiseother than one so registered while the aircraft is on or over ments from ships moored in Knock Deep off the east coast, which was outside United Kingdom territorial waters.

Laser was broadcasting from the MV Communicator, a Pana-manian-registered vessel. The

vessel was under surveillance by country or otherwise British the Department of Trade and subjects. The prosecution alleged that

the activities of the appellants in the United Kingdom served to maintain the broadcasts from radio stations aboard those ships, stations which were otherwise run by American subjects.

The submissions made to the judge, before the Murrays pleaded gnilty, were designed to show that the prosecution was based upon a misinterpretation. of section 3(2) of the 1967 Act and that it was also misconceived in so far as it related to section 5.

It was contended that no matter what activity was complained about it could not constitute an offence under section 3 unless it related to the conduct of persons abound the pirate vessel who were either

citizens of this country or were otherwise British subjects.

It was agreed that the prosecution had not established the nationality of those aboard the wessel making the hondests. vessel making the broadcasts and so, it was argued, the judge had no alternative but to direct the jury to acquit in regard to the allegations made under section

similar submission was made in regard to section 5, on the basis that since intent was an ingredient of an offence under that section, no one could be convicted of offending against the section unless the person charged could be proved to have had an intention to do the act forbidden with the knowledge that the persons in respect of whom he had performed the act

> proved to be? Suppose a person in this country arranged for someone on the Continent, for a substan-

Despite some suspicion that they did have such a conditional intention his Lordship was not Solicitors: Malkin Culfis &

In their Lordships' judgment the plain words of section 3(2) pointed inevitably to the conclu-sion that the expression "a

To say that section 3(2) was entirely governed by subsection (3) was to defy the ordinary understanding of the plain

The judge's rolings were right and all the appeals would be

Solicitors: CPS, HQ.

Slicing cooked meat is not preparation of food

Leeds City Council v J. H. of meat or fish by any process of cooking shall be deemed to be Dewhurst Ltd Before Lord Justice Neill and Mr Justice Garland

The slicing of cooked meats in a butcher's shop was not included in "the preparation of preserved food intended for from a foreign ship or ships while on the high seas, and not that such a conspiracy should be the Food Act 1984. The Queen's Bench Di-visional Court so held in

[Judgment March 20

broadcast to be made. He also dismissing a prosecutor's appeal rejected the submission relating brought by way of case stated against the dismissal by Leeds The origin of the legislation was the European Agreement for the Prevention of Broadcasts Justices on January 16, 1989 to dismiss an information, pre-ferred by Mr Stephen Wilkins on behalf of Leeds City Council alleging, that the defendant transmitted from Stations outide National Territories (Cmnd 2616) made in Strasbourg in 1965. This was the first time company, J. H. Dewhurst Ltd, used premises at 11 Bramley Town Centre, Leeds, for the preparation or manufacture of food intended for sale, namely that the 1967 Act had been A cogent submission made on the slicing of various types of chalf of the appellants was that cooked mest without being registered with the local suthe expression in section 3(2) procures a broadcast to be made as mentioned in the foregoing subsection was refer-

thority for that purpose under section 16 of the Food Act 1984. Section 16 of the 1984 Act provides: "(1) No premises shall be used for . . . (b) the prepara-tion or manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed pickled or preserved food intended for sale, unless they are registered under this section for that purpose by the local nuthority. For the purposes of this sub-

the preservation of that meat or Mr Timothy Straker for the local authority, Mr Robert Anderson for the company.

MR: JUSTICE GARLAND said that the question set out in the case stated was whether the meaning of the words "prepara-tion of preserved food intended for sale" was restricted to the cooking of food in accordance with section 16(1)(ii) of the 1984 Act or whether the phrase had 2 wider interpretation which would include the slicing of meats.

The restriction of the question to cooking was plainly wrong and was never suggested in the course of argument.

The correct question for the court to consider was to adapt the latter part of the sentence and ask whether the words in section 16(1)(ii) had an interpretation sufficiently wide to include the slicing of cooked meats in a butcher shop. Mr Straker submitted, inter

alia, that section 16 was, on its plain and ordinary meaning, sufficiently wide to comprehend slicing. The purpose of section 16 was to define categories of foodstuff in respect of which registration was required and where those foodstuffs were prepared, section 16(3) indicated by the exclusion of what was included, Mr Anderson submitted, inter

alia, that section 16, was designed to give local authorities some control over premises used for the production rather than retail outlets; the latter being protected by sections 2, 8 and 20 and the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations (SI 1970 No 1172) along with the added sanctions of a closure order in section 21 and an emergency order in section 22

Thus, Mr Anderson submitted, the point of section 16 was to cover the limited activities where food was treated and manufacuted by pickling and so on which changed the physical state of the food but did not extend to the secondary activity of slicing the food which did nothing to change the physical condition.

To give any wider meaning to the section, Mr Anderson submitted, would be to produce an unreasonable result and cause vast numbers of retail outlets to have to register. In his Lordship's opinion, the submissions of Mr Anderson were well founded. The words of the section were to be given their plain ordinary meaning and read in context.

Immigrants' admissions made under pressure

parte Manomai and Another Before Mr Justice Schiemann Judgment March 171

Makers of admissions made to might have been the result of pressure by a third party were not thereby illegal entrants as defined by section 33(1) of the Immigration Act 1971.

Mr Justice Schiemann so held in the Queen's Bench Division quashing an immigration officer's decision to that effect in the case of Anchalee and Sorraseakh Manomai, a brother and sister from Thailand.

MR JUSTICE SCHIEMANN said the applicants had come to 1988 to study on student visas. While studying they had applied for and obtained Home Office consent to work in a restaurant owned by a relative and her English husband.

It was said by the Home Office that by declaring an intention to study when they Stuart-Smith and Mr Justice entered the United Kingdom Simon Brown) so held on March without at the same time declar- 14 in allowing an appeal by

knew to be false and had therefore entered illegally.

An immigration officer visited the restaurant after receiving a letter of denunciation. He told the English proprietor he believed there had been an intention from the beginning that the students should come to England from Thailand and

Regina v Secretary of State for ing that there was also an ship found that at that point the intention to work they were proprietor was a worried man making a statement which they and might have been prepared to advise anything in order to get the immigration people off his back.

As a result of their conversa-tion with the proprietor the two applicants were convinced that they should say whatever they thought the immigration officer wanted them to say.

They were then interviewed through an interpreter by the immigration officer in circum-The proprietor then spoke to immigration officer in circumthe two applicants. His Lord-stances which must of their very

His Lordship was not satisfied that while in Thailand either applicant had an intention to work in England with or without permission. Both applicants had also denied having formed an intention while in Thailand to work in England if permission could be obtained.

satisfied that they did.

Evidence conflicted with plea

Mr Richard Ryde for the Crabtree v United Kingdom applicants; Mr Robert Jay for Central Council for Nursing, the Home Secretary.

Midwifery and Health

this country from Thailand in at a disciplinary hearing admit-A person whose representative ted the allegations and whose subsequent evidence amounted to a denial of the charge was entitled to be treated as if he had not admitted the charge,

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice

James Matthew Crabtree from a decision of the conduct com-mittee of the UK Central Coun-cil fir Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting to remove his name from the professional

register for misconduct.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-

the committee he admitted the

SMITH said the appellant, a state-registered nurse, pleaded guilty at Sheffield Crown Court to stealing a benefit book and obtaining property by decep-tion, He was conditionally discharged and ordered to pay

When his representative told

charges, the chairman announced that they found them proved, But it became clear that he was denying dishonesty.

At that point the committee should have treated the situa-tion as one in which he had not admitted the facts alleged in the

charge, or at the very least invited him to consider if he wished to retract his admission. The court directed that the case be remitted to the committee to be rebeard as if the appellant had not admitted the

tial reward, to bring a ship to just outside the territorial waters of this country and broadcast with equipment, crew and staff from the Continent. It would be surprising if Parliament did not intend by the

legislation to suppress the conduct of the person m this country, who had undoubtedly procured the ship and all that went with it and therefore, clearly, the broadcast. Had Par-liament succeeded by the terms of section 3(2)?

> broadcast to be made as men-tioned in the foregoing section" had to relate to the manner of the broadcast and not to the persons there mentioned and listed in subsection (3).

Wardship court will not usurp military law

In re S (a Minor) Before Mr Justice Hollis [Judgment March 7]

The wardship court would not interfere with military law which had been laid down by Parliament.

An application by a mother to make her son a ward of court was misconceived as the boy who would be 18 years old on May 30 and since he had joined the Junior Leaders Regiment as a boy soldier he was subject to the Army Act 1955.

Mr Justice Hollis so stated in the Family Division in striking out a wardship summons in a chambers judgment, reported with his Lordship's consent.

Mr Thomas Brudenell for the Secretary of State for Defence; Mr Aidan Christie for the MR JUSTICE HOLLIS said

that the boy had been absent without leave from his regiment stationed in the North of England from January 29, 1990 but had not arrived at his parents' home until February 25.

The boy was unhappy in the army and it seemed that there were psychological difficulties as well as a medical problem. His commanding officer had

granted him compassionate leave until March 13. The words of Mr Justice Waterhouse in In re K (Minors) Waterhouse in In the K (Match)
(Wardship: Criminal Proceedings) ([1988] Fam 1) were
applicable. Mr Justice
Waterhouse had refused to exercise the wardship jurisdiction

on the ground that it was

contrary to public policy for the wardship court to interfere with the statutory process governing the conduct of a criminal trial.

His Lordship had considered In re Mohamed Arif (an Infant) ([1968] Ch 643) where the Court of Appeal had upheld the decision of Mr. Justice Cross to

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Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor,

Concern over papers

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the Environment. Ex parte so stated on February 23 at the Merton London Borongh npening of an application for judicial review of decisions in respect of rate support grant.

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Lord Justice Neill agreed. Solicians: Sharpe Pritchard for Mr Mr Stephen D. Cirell, Leeds; R. A. Roberts.

strike nut a wardship summons as the continuance of the ward-ship would be an unjustifiable interference with the exercise by the immigration authorities of the powers conferred on them by the Commonwealth Immigrants Act 1962.

Rolls, had said that the court would not interfere with the contrary to public policy for the statutory machinery set up by Parliament. His Lordship would follow Mr Justice Cross in In re Mohamed Art and strike out the originating summons.

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Big-league claims of McCrory put to the test

Glenn McCrory's claims that McCrory his future lies in the heavy-weight division will be tested tonight when be defends his 78.56 International Boxing Federa-tion cruiserweight title against Jeff Lampkin, the top con-tender from the United States. at Gateshead Leisure Centre.

If McCrory slips up, it will be a big blow to his plans. For the champion from Annfield Plain, who sought refuge among cruiserweights after defeats at the hands of British heavyweights two years ago, could hardly face the big men

Yesterday, at his training camp outside Consett, his American trainer, Beau Williford, who took Dennis Andries to the world title, was bubbling with confident talk. "We'll be taking charge and taking names," he said. "Lampkin will be stopped for the first time in his career."
According Io Williford,
McCrory had not fell any ill effects from weight reduction. He has been training since the beginning of January and bis weight has been brought down

Lampkin's trainer, Randy Golditch, replied: "That's knock out McCrory. "Glenn has a lot of heart and be will have his crowd behind him but if he lasts more than three Hartlepool Borough Hall on minutes it will be a miracle." Tuesday night.

Tale of the tape



Hyperboles are the stuff of boxing but behind the bot-air clouds both camps have been studying the strengths and weaknesses. The one who is best able to adjust to a strategy and stick to il should win. McCrory will have to contend against a body puncher, and Lampkin will have to face the fastest jab in Britain.

Unless Lampkin is quickly slapped down, McCrory could have trouble subduing him. Even though the American bas been beaten 13 times in 46 contests, he has always extended his opponents.

The two men have common opponents in Patrick Lumumba and Chisanda Mutti. Whereas McCrory outpointed both, Lampkin was beaten on points by them. typical talk from Beau. But he John Davison, the Newhas a champion and it's his castle featherweight, won the moment," Golditch was in no doubt that Lampkin would national title by knocking out the defending champion, Srikoon Narachawat, of Thailand, in the fifth round at

CYCLING

Kelly given incentive

Suir, home town of Sean Kelly, schedule, the World Cup champion, (Peter Bryan writes).

Nissan Tour, announced in his twins, Nigel and Stacy, was Dublin last night, includes an training in Ireland yesterday individual time-trial stage, which will end at Carrick-on-Nissan race will be on his

ir, nome town of scale parties, are World Cup champion, Peter Bryan writes).

Kelly, who flew to Carrick Carrick to Carri

ATHLETICS

Wallace is the latest pretender

By David Powell
Athletics Correspondent

Ten months ago, to Andrea Wallace, repetitions meant changing the nappies and tidying the toys. She was a young mother in need of a bobby. "I had to have something, otherwise it would have been just the children all the time, and I needed to get out of the house," she says.

Now Wallace is out of the house once or twice a day.

Now Wallace is out of the house once or twice a day, repetition runoing around Paignton Green or wherever else she can pretend an athletics track exists. In spite of her nearest track being 40 miles away — "we're out in the sticks as far as running is concerned," her coach says — in spite of having two children to bring up, in spite of being in her sport less than a year, Wallace is Britain's best senior hope for the world cross-country championships in Aix-les-Bains, France, on Saturday.

All season, people have been scoffing at John Hambly, her coach and boyfriend. He kept telling them Wallace was on her way to the top, but few paid attention. He tells the story of one senior official who "didn't seem year impressed" when he seem very impressed" when be asked about international com-petition for her after she had finished within a stride of Susan Tooby, one of Britain's leading

Tooby, one of Britain's leading distance runners, in a local race. People are listening now. First in the Inter-Counties championship, first in the British trial for the world championship and two impressive outings in Europe have lifted Wallace out of the cradle and into the oursery school for world class. She does not intend to kick around there for long, either. "My ambition is to be the best," she says.

she says.

In the meantime, coach and athlete will settle for the top 10 athlete will settle for the top 10 on Saunday — "top five if I have a blinder," she says. "I'm going to go off with the leading bunch — there's no point in holding back and wondering later what I might have done."

Aged 23, from Torquay, Wallace has dabbled at running twice — "the first time I was more interested in horses and the second time it was the young

the second time it was the young girl thing" — but third time is serious. When Hambly started talking, back in 1988, about another baby, Wallace's reponse was: "Either now or not at all. I don't want to start getting to the top and, all of a sudden, have to

take a year out."
Running had to wait until
Patrick, now 13 months, came
along to join James, aged three.
Meanwhile, Hambly worked on
the theory side. He settled on the the theory side. He settled on the training programme that Wallace would follow, and the irony of her trial victory over Jill Hunter, the Commonwealth Games 10,000 metres runnerup, was that Hambly had adapted n 5,000 metres schedule set by Harry Wilson, Hunter's coach. Hambly, a fair club runner,

now has to answer the question:
"When did you stop beating
your girlfriend?" Four months
ago, he replies. "We always train
together and I do the reps with
her. Before she was hanging on
to me, but all that has changed."
Which is why, with his own
10,000 metres time around 33
minutes, he says that Wallace, in
her first track season, will run her first track season, will run close to 32 minutes, putting her in contention for the European championships on the track
"unless she can make it at 3,000
metres". He explains: "Running
10,000 metres is hard and you
can't do many of them. She's got

to be thinking of under 8min 50sec for 3,000 metres."

You would have thought that,

now has to answer the question:

travelling to Portugal last month for the Almond Blossom cross country, only her second inter-national event, Wallace would have been too anxious about her own performance for anything own performance for anything to interfere with thorough preparation. Instead, she was up in the night at her airport hotel, "I wanted to watch Jill Hunter and Liz McColgan in the Commonwealth 10,000 metres. I thought I might learn something."

She learned quickly, That weekend she finished fifth, only four seconds behind Aurora Cunha, the former 15-kilometre world road champion. Accord-

Running in the family: Wallace trains before the gaze of coach, Hambly, and their sons

world road champion. According to Hambly, Jenne Pipoz, the winner that day, half a minute clear of Wallace, will be

the one to heat on Saturday. "I she doesn't win it, she won't be far off the one who does," he says. "Andrea is improving a lot and should be closer - she didn't ease down and il was a very hot day, which she wasn't

Without McColgan, Hunter, the Tooby twins, Yvoune Mur-ray, and the best four men, Britain are a team of little talent in France. But, this being the year of the underdog. Wallace might just get up there with Buster Douglas, Oldham Ath-letic and the England cricket team. Win or lose, though, it will be back to Paignton Green next week. And the repetitions of

BOOK REVIEW

Blizzard-stopper who likes to be in middle of fray

title of the memoirs of Denis Howell, who first entered Par-liament in 1955, was briefly ousted in the 1959 General

ousted in the 1959 General Election but, demonstrating a referee's adroit footwork and his popularity in Birmingham, was back in the Commons by 1961.

There is in this book much information and a pleutiful supply of photographa to show the author's enthusiasm for his birthplace and for football. His recollection of personalities is impressive, and those who have taken part in the running of sport in the United Kingdom and perhaps elsewhere, will find it a good read. it a good read.

In some parts of the Right Honourable Gentleman's book there is too much detail for any there is too much detail for any newcomer to the theatre of sport and politics but, no doubt, as the first recognizable UK Minister for Sport (from 1964 to 1970, and again from 1976 to 1979), he is perhaps entitled to labour the issues, the personalities and the events which have been the central part of his life for over two decades.

He is justifiably proud of his roots in Birmingham and his splendid family, who have known sadness and agonies but have had immense inner strength. He looks at the relationship between sportsmen

relationship between sportsmen and politicians, and casts a and pointcains, and casis a critical eye over those who supplented him. He under-stands the difficulties of the Minister for Sport in the Depart-ment of the Environment having a dozen other responsibilities and frequently being beholden to the Foreign Office or the Home Office for policy decisions. Some judgements on events between 1979 and 1986 are somewhat wide of the mark, as is his spelling of my prede-cessor's name!

Denis is the only Minister for Sport and MP to have referred football at Wembley, but he is a former umpire for our Com-mons Cricket XI: it is clear that he likes to be in charge.

He has never been far from the scene of influence since 1964. He has chaired the Sports Council, chaired the Central Council of Physical Recreation

Council, chaired the Council of Physical Recreation and headed committees of inquiry into sport and sponsorship. One can sense his anger and frastration, not just over the Zola Budd affair and football identity cards, but at the role of the big agencies and the influential paymasters in sport.

Equally stimulating are his indignant words on the politics of the international governing bodies of sport and most notably the International Olympic Committee, which failed to control the worst excesses of each city bidding for the rights to host the Games. In his judgement there ought to be a code of conduct to prevent the hustling of delegates by the bidders.

bidders.

The Birmingham bid — in which he played a leading part — is graphically covered, and I was always a devoted supporter of the UK encouraging n city to host the Olympic Games. The Birmingham machine was good and there is little doubt that it would have worked — but the and there is little doubt that it would have worked — but the IOC had decided on Barcelona for 1992. Denis takes the ups and downs stoically and with a dignity which has earned admiration and respect.

His greatest achievements were the encouraging of the bosting of the 1966 World Cup, which was a triumph, and the creation of the Sports Aid Foundation to 1976.

We shall miss Denis in the Commons after his retirement but this book demonstrates his contribution to sport and the Labour movement, in my cyes, he was in every sense a long-

* Made in Birmingham by Denis Howell (published today by Queen Anne Press; £14.95). Sir Neil Macfarlane is MP (Conservative) for Sutton and Cheam and was Minister for Sport from 1981 to 1985.

REAL TENNIS

Deuchar heads line-up

The Scottish Open champion-ships, which start at the Sun Court, Troon, today, boast a high-quality entry, the only ootable absentees being the holder, Wayne Davies, the world champion and James Male, the rackets world cham-mion (Salty Iones writes) pion (Sally Jones writes).

The world No. 1, Lachie

Chris Ronaldson, and Julian Snow, the world's No. 1 amateur who recently won the Seacourt Silver Racket, the Jesmond Dene Cup and the Queen's weekend. Deuchar and Ronaldson may face a tough challenge in the doubles from Jonathan Howell, the professional at the new Orstory School Court and Kevin Shel-

SPORTS LETTERS

Spirit of Bannockburn prevails at Murrayfield Football must Oldham deserve credit for win Give Johnson

From Mr G. W. Smith Sir, Sports writers and com-mentators have all enjoyed a field day analysing England's Calcutta Cup defeat at the hands of Scotland last Saturday. Poor referecing, the media, Carting's captaincy, forwards' indisci-pline have all been blamed. Do

not believe any of it. England went to Murrayfield to play a game of rugby football; Scotland for a rerun of the battle of Bannockburn. Scotland were right. Sport, of which rugby football is the epitome, encap-sulates the rudiments of battle carried out under clearly defined rules. Saturday's game was played in the true spirit of sportsmanship. It was hard, very hard, but clean. On the day the better team won. England were favourites and rightly so. Their rugby, prior to the match,

had often been quite brilliant. Scotland, in walking on to the pitch, set the tone. The crowd sang "Flower of Scotland", a sang "Flower of Scotland", a stirring battle song, and almost reduced the team to tears. The whole Scottish nation clearly meant business. England never chance. From the first whistle Scotland, now fully fired up, caused abject panic in the English ranks and the rest is

During the game I was proud to be British. If England had won I would have been proud to lish but not, as it tranwere to be Scottish. The Welsh and Irish, in like circumstances, uld have enjoyed simila

emotions.
"God Save the Queen" is the
British national anthem. Eng-land needs its own. What is
wrong with "Land of Hope and wrong with "Land of Hope and Glory" for example? We need to give our team and country a chance to properly develop its own national identity in sport-

Playing to win From Mr Dave Williams
Sir, Your leading article "Playing to win" (March 19) leaves me gasping with contempt and I feel it must be answered. It players attempt to kill the ball players attempt to kill the ball on the ground by not releasing it or, more importantly, going over the top. Such offences should, and are, penalised because they prohibit open rugby, which thrives on early release of ball when a ruck develops. I would be interested to know what your would include gaddens me to read so many "sour grapes" analyses of an historic game of rugby. As a Scot, I was thrilled to watch a good game with two excellent teams. I find that most develops. I would be interested to know what you would include in the wide range of offences, some technical, which are suggested as unnecessary to punish. Continuing the vein of sour grapes initiated after the game it was notable that on Saturday it. of the post-mortems consider that it was an unjust English loss that It was an unjust English loss rather than a descreed Scottish victory. Credit must however be given to the English coaches, who somehow managed to keep

the game in perspective — perhaps a sign of their professionalism.

The reference to the editorial to "fair play" at Banle of Bannockburn in 1314 is ridiculous. Had we been looking at the reverse situation in history doubtless the English would have been congratulated for good leadership and excellent good sendership and excellent use of resources — I somehow doubt if fair play would have entered the equation.

The comment about laws to The countries open rugby and 36 Elsdon Road, Gost courage more open rugby and 36 Elsdon Road, Gost courage more open rugby and 36 Elsdon Road, Gost courage more open rugby and 36 Elsdon Road, Gost courage more open rugby and 36 Elsdon Road, Gost courage more open rugby and 36 Elsdon Road, Gost courage more open rugby and 36 Elsdon Road, Gost courage more open rugby and 36 Elsdon Road, Gost courage more open rugby and 36 Elsdon Road, Gost courage more open rugby and 36 Elsdon Road, Gost courage more open rugby and 36 Elsdon Road, Gost courage more open rugby and 36 Elsdon Road, Gost courage more open rugby and 36 Elsdon Road, Gost courage more open rugby and a second rug

ing contests. Perhaps, then, we shall see the better players get the rewards their talents so clearly deserve. G. W. SMITH, 70 Old Hadlow Road,

Sir, Both your third leader writer and back-page correspondent managed to suggest (March 19), that Scotland had employed a tactic which was both illegal and dangerous, i.e. deliberately collapsing the scrum, in order to avoid being ont-scrummed by England at Murrayfield on Saturday, David Miller menoons this io the context of congratulating Scotland on their superior games-manship, and the leader refers to the ability to "play the

accept in a supposedly amateur sport? But perhaps the boot was on the other foot - could it be on the other toot — could it be that England, as part of their tactical build-up, had been practising deliberately collaps-ing the scrum when in an attacking position hut making it look as if the defending side had done so, in order to gain a penalty try? If either side had descended to ploys of this nature, I suggest that they should be awarded the Calcutta Cup in perpetuity, as a tribute to their "professionalism". In the event, though, both ploys appear to have failed—the Scots were penalised several times in succession, but England failed to

secure the ultimate retribution.
Of course, there is more than
a whiff of English sour grapeshot about this - miffed at not "getting a result on the day" as we say in professional circles, despite having palpably the better-equipped team, their supporters are looking for some devaluation of defeat. Mean-

requires clarification. As far as I

was notable that on Saturday it was an Englishman who was guilty of stamping, a very dangerous pastime which the authorities are trying to rid the

As a footnote, in the light of the new "fair play" approach adopted by the English since Saturday, now may be the time

when a request for the return of the Stone of Destiny to its rightful home may be looked

upoo fairly.
Vours faithfully,
DAVE WILLIAMS,

sport of.

while back on the pitch, it was all about aggressive defence and beroic booting of the ball into touch. I have difficulty recalling any Scottish player carrying the ball into the England 22, and England, for all their anxiety to Tonbridge, Kent. From Mr Brian L. Buffham run the ball, seldom crossed the gain line. Is this the stuff that grand slams are made of or

Yours faithfully, BRIAN L BUFFHAM, Barker Longstaff, 14b St Cross Street, EC1.

From Mr James Sherion Sir, I was bitterly disappointed by the result of the match between England and Scotland. However, I looked very closely at the video recording later and there is no doubt in my mind that the referee allowed the Scots, quite illegally, to prevent the game from being played as well as committing countless infringements.

> From the early late tackle on Guscott by Scott Hastings, to the fouls in the scrum by the Scots on their own line (where at least one penalty try should have been awarded) and then on right through the game, the New Zealand referee had a most unfortuante game. Time and time again the Scots prevented the ball from being played, came io on the wrong side of the scrum and went over the top of

Commentators explained that commentators explained that this was the way in which the game is refereed in New Zealand. For a referee, by his actions or lack of them, to so dramatically change the way in which a game should be played is contrary to the spirit of the same of using

The tragedy for British rugby is that, however gallant, medioc-rity prevailed and our game

From Mr D. Thomas Sir. A radical adjustment to the laws of rugby football, as called for by your leading article, is not needed. What is needed is a radical and urgent change of artitude to the laws by players at all levels. It is they who break the laws and, at least at the highest levels, appear to consolre to do so.

In the same issue your Chief Sports Correspondent writes that the Scottish forwards "had been practising ... during the previous week, the technique of collapsing the scrum ... leaving the referee in doubt as 10 which front row was the culprit". Was this really necessary and what does the Scottish coach have to say about it? Lest we lay all the blame at the Scots' door may I recall that last year you pub-lished a picture of the English team during training practising the unlawful art of lifting at a

Why is it that perfectly honourable and upright men, who would not transgress the laws of the land or the accepted rules of decent behaviour, seem to change character when they don a rugby shirt and show scant regard for ther laws of the game? took a backward step. Yours sincerely, JAMES SHERJAN,

Cross-in-Hand, East Sussex.
From Mr J. B. Knight
Sir, As one of the fortunate Englishmen who attended the rugby international at Murray-field on Saturday, may I say that the England side gave their all. Wrong options may have been taken and mistakes were made, but no side could have striven harder to win the grand slam.

Scotland deserved their win because of their determination and sheer tenacity, but England also deserve praise for great effort for this match and for their previous wins. It has heen a pleasure to have attended

Yours faithfully. Moore and Brock Ltd. PO Box 5, Barons Quay, Northwieh, Cheshire,

From Dr Kajat Roy Sir. Perhaps the saddest feature of the afternoon was, as always at Murrayfield, the obscene and inexplicable screeching by a section of the crowd during the national anthem. One would have expected, this time, that with the anocipated vociferous rendering of "Flower of Scotland" to come with nationalistic fulfilment, they would sportingly have accorded their oppo-nents the respect due their anthem. Perhaps this famous victory will endow them with the dignity, which is such a feature of the majority of their COURTYMEN.

I am, Sir, as you will not fail to notice neither a native of Eng-land or of Scotland. 7 Menzies Drive,

Is it playing to win or playing to win at all costs? Perhaps this is the price we must pay for leagues, eups, championships, Yours faithfully, D. THOMAS,

Preston, Lancachire From Air Vice-Marshal G. C. Lamb (retd)
Sir, Your editorial echoes much popular sentiment when it claims "scoring tries is what the game is all about". May one ask, respectfully, who says so? In the earliest times, the grounding of

the ball in the opponent's in-goal permitted the scorer to "try" to kick a goal. Until relatively recently Law Il dealing with scoring values defined a goal scored after a try as being worth six points but added "in which case the try shall not count". The term given to a converted try is still a goal and is shown as such on scoreboards the world over. Kicks converting tries, therefore, seem legitimate; are kicks to punish misdemeanours to be seen as less so? LARRY LAMB, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

learn from US

From Mr Geoffrey Corfield Sir, The article "The best backs in the field are green" (March 16) portrayed how professional teams to the National Football League (USA) were located according to money and how we should be thankful this doesn't happen in the Football League. Unfortunately the opposite is

true. North Americao pro-fessional sport and the Football League have little in common, which is why the League is in such a mess and few of the 92 clubs in England are successful busioesses. They could learn a lot from North America about how to run sport as a pro-fessional business.

NFL clubs ruo their league themsleves, are presided over by a commissioner hired by them-selves, and all clubs must meet standards of business perfor-mance. The Football League has no such standards and has pitifully low standards on anything except eniquette.

NFL clubs cater to fans because they are in the entertainment business. Fans them-

selves would never thick of

towards some self-perceived "rights", as you hear in the UK. NFL clubs are franchises of the league, which decides the selling price of new franchises, sets performance standards and rules on changes of ownership or locadoo of the clubs. If a club is losing money it is usually indicanive of either a poorty ruo or poorty supported club, and the owner either sells out or moves the team to another locale. The Football League is run as a sentimental pastime, locked into a doomed, 92-team

best players to other teams buy good players and they don't only good players and they don't need money. NFL teams are not allowed to own young players; they have to draft them. The lowest team in the league gets the first choice of next year's eligible young players. The best cligible young players. The best team gets last choice. In this way parity between clubs is assisted and it is very difficult to build a dynasty. In the Football League the few rich buy off the poor. GEOFFREY CORFIELD. Corfield Associates (UK), 34 Middlesex Road, Stockport, Cheshire.

Change for worse From Mr David Fearnley Sir, Mr Sebastian Coe (March 14) makes a great many peripheral points on a central theme directing rugby football in particular towards obligatory "money for the players". In so doing is he not ignoring the main one, the difference between the need and the want to in anything - change has al-ready worsened cricket and soccer, in a way that rugby football does not need, however much some may want it. Yours sincerely. DAVID FEARNLEY. The Grange, Hopton, Mirfield, West Yorkshire,

From Mr Stuart Dixon Sir, Rarely have I read such a "soor grapes" football report as the one covering the Oldham v Aston Villa FA Cup sixth round tie (March 15). Oldham won the tie (March 15). Oldham won the match because they were more skilful, enthusiastic and committed. To say a highly-paid, professional footballer fails to complete a simple pass to his goalkeeper because of the "vagaries of the denstable surface" is rubbish. If anything, the plastic surface highlights how overrated some of the so-called stars of the first division are. Furthermore, surfaces such as this prove a lifeline for survival for clubs such as Oldham. On

for clubs such as Oldham. On my drive home each evening past the Arsenal stadium the ground is in total darkness; a black monolith that allows access only on match nights and the pitch itself to the privileged frew. To the community, the amateur clubs, the schoolboys, it is a place which gives back nothing of what it takes. Compare this to Oldham. The ground is used throughout the week, either rented to clubs, bringing much needed income into the Oldham coffers, or for

free use by schoolboys or the unemployed.

The opinions expressed your Football Corresponder can only bring forward the death of the lower divisions and, by default, create the "Super League" demanded by the elite. YOURS, STUART DIXON,

15 Lincoln Avenue, Southgate, N14. From Mr Andrew Gray

Tennis coaching From Mr Adrian Rattenbury Sir, I was very interested to read letter from Mrs Lawton (March 15) regarding the mental toughness side of tennis and the

toughness side of tennis and the LTA oot recognizing American qualified coaches.

As UK director of the United States Professional Tennis Registry, I find it ironic that the Professional Tennis Coaches Association, which is directly officiated to the LTA recognizes. affiliated to the LTA, recognizes the United States Professional the United States Processions, Tennis Association, but does not recognize the USPTR. Both organizations are responsible for the training of coaches in the USA and both organizations are recognized by the USTA, the American equivalent of the LTA.

Nevertheless, there are over 250 members of the USPTR in this country and over 5,000 represented in over 90 countries throughout the world. This makes it the only international coaching organization in exis-tence. Similarly it is the only coaching method endorsed by ATP and WITA; the two professional players unions. Atthough the USPTR is not recognized by the LTA, I am pleased to say that many clubs are looking for coaches with the American supplies to many clubs. American qualification and USPTR coaches are used in many of the country's leading

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the Oldham'v Aston Villa game I was dismayed to read Stuart Jones's report in which he described the thrashing Oldham

had given Villa as "unac-ceptably unfair". He then contradicts his own. argument by pointing out that Aston Villa have previously won on the same pitch and have also won on the artificial surface ar Luton.

Can Mr Jones please explain: 1. Why before this year Oldham had not besten a first division side on the pitch

2. Why six of the 16 second division sides to play there this year have managed to draw

3. Why Luton Town aren't top of the first division

4. Why Prestoo aren't even pressing to get out of the third division 5. Why Torquay are struggling to stay in the Football League.

I find it very sad that a clob like Oldham, who live in the shadow of the free-spending Manchester clubs, who have to 8,000 and who have never spent more than £165,000 on a player, should have their heroic efforts belittled by people like Mr Jones. Even Graham Taylor, the Aston Villa manager, admitted that the better side had won.

It is a shame that any emphais a sname that any empha-sis on skill in the game, also the revolutionary playing style of Royle, often playing five men in attack, should be rejected so thoroughly.

Yours faithfully ANDREW GRAY, 48 Harris Lane, Shenley, Hertfordshire,

the LTA; in fact the USPTR positively encourages people to take LTA and other coaching

take LTA and other coaching. courses and qualifications.
Regarding mental toughness, the USPTR includes its teaching in the initial training of coaches. It addition specialist courses are run throughout the year to give more detailed training and the coaches. we produce a manual on the subject for conches. In November 1989 I pro-

In November 1989 I promoted a course specifically for mental toughness, directed by Dr James Lochr. He is the director of sports science for the USTA and is regarded as the leading authority in the world on tennis psychology. Unfortunately the LTA's response was "at this time we will not be participating".

If we are to produce top players and top coaches, we must open our eyes and our minds. There is no one way to play tennis, there is no one way to teach tennis, but if we are willing to listen and learn from anyone and everyone involved

anyone and everyone involved in the game surely it will help us to develop a better and broader knowledge of the game.

Yours faithfully, ADRIAN RATTENBURY, United States Professional Tennis Registry. 59 Winchester Road. Hanworth,

a fair chance

From Mrs Nicola Davison Sir, My daughters and I were disgusted to read (March 17) of Sir Arthur Gold's role as an agent provocateur in urging athletes to boycott Ben Johnson oo his return to international athletics. Has not the sporting world seen enough of ugly boycotts that are often so detritoental to the boycottern themselves?

Ben Johnson was legally judged and sentenced for taking steriods. It is hindsight now to say his sentence was not enough. He has paid his dues and, like any other "felon" who has served a sentence, he is entitled to a fair chance. We feel that the merciless public humiliation he suffered and the two-year ban from the international arena was a big price to pay for his folly. He can't be tried twice for the same "crime"; so why not let bygones be bygones and not harm the spirit of sport?

harm the spirit of sport?

We say to the athletes, don't harp on the past; instead, beat Ben Johnson on the track fair and square. We would feel very ashamed of our athletic heroes—Linford Christie, Carl Lewis et al—if they were to heed Sir Arthur's miserable suggestion.

Yours sincerely.

NICOLA DAVISON, 531 Yarm Road.

531 Yarm Road, Englescliffe, Stockton-on-Tees,

Mulish behaviour From Lieutenant-Colonel

C. H. T. MacFetridge
Sir, Your Racing Correspondent, Michael Seely, in writing "Carvies Clown, who had lost 20 lengths at the start by his mulish behaviour," reveals that he has never served with mules. If he had, he would have learnt then the mule is intelligent, sension, resilient and, even, stoical. Does he know that a mule, Lord Fauntleroy, won in 1976 the Bicentennial Transcontinental Horse Race of 3 100. 1976 the Bicentennial Trans-continental Horse Race of 3,100 miles from New York State to California in the time of 98 days? No mule would have tolerated the whips used at Cheltenham.

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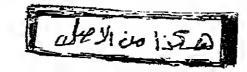
CHARLES MacFETRIDGE (Vice-Chairman, British Mule Society), Hendersyde Lodge, Whynstones Road,

Ascot. Berkshire.

Police recruitment From Mr Colin S. Harvey Sir, Presumably, after Norton Coin's great triumph in the Cheltenham Gold Cup (report. March 16), jumping stables will

be head-hunting senior police officers to join their staffs. Yours faithfully. COLIN HARVEY Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.

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Introducing the classic class of 1990



Ian Balding Age: 51. Trains at Kingsclere,

Big-race wins: Derby, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes, Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, Champion Stakes. 1989 record in Britain: 41 winners, 2453,557 win and place prize-Horses in training: 90.

Prospects

"Dashing Blade injured his back about three weeks ago. It's a shame because he has matured physically extremely well and looks magnificent, but he's not in work at the moment. He looks certain to miss the trials, and he'll he lucky to get to the Guineas, but I'm not going to hurry

"I think Spinning is a genuine Derby borse and all being well he will reappear in the Warren Stakes at Epsom next month.

"Routilante is a very nice three-year-old filly and Parting Moment will start in handicaps at a mile and a half and go on from there.



Richard Hannon

50 winners, 2506.618. Horses in training: 107.

runners in the 2,000 Guineas.

was beaten only three lengths when fourth to Machiavellian

like to seed him for the Bonusprint at Kempton, although he's won a £100,000



Francois Boutin Age: 53. Trains at Lamorlays, France.

Eligrace wins: French Derby, Oaks, 2,000 Guineas, 1,000 Guineas, Champion Stakes, Irish Derby, Washington International, Breeders' Cup Mile.

140 winners in France, 21,527,915. Horses in training: 190.

Prospects

"Machiavellian has just dooe his first serious piece of work this week and I could not be more pleased with him. He has wintered well.

"I will bring him along gradually and his prep-race will be the Prix Diebel at Maisons-Laffitte on April 10. His big target remains the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket "Of my other classic hopes, Linamix is a nice sort and is

being aimed at the French 2,000 Guineas, while Intimiste goes for the Prix Noailles." "I have some decent fillies and I am hopeful Evocatrice may develop into a classic contender."



Age: 56. Trains at Newmarket. Elg-race wins: 1,000 Guineas, St Leger, Eclipse Stakes, Breeders' Cup Turf, Japan Cup. 36 winners. £737.454. Horses in training: 130.

Prospects

"We have a nice selection of older horses this year including Mountain Kingdom, who is in Australia at the moment being prepared for the BMW International on April 7, and he should have a good season on his return.

"I'm sending Air Music to Doncaster this week and if he runs as well as I hope, then he'll be trained for the Kentucky Derby. He looks just the type for the race. Rushmore seems well treated in the Free Handicap, but Call To Arms, a tough, hardy sort, is too high in the weights and will run in listed races.

"We've some decent threeyear-old maidens including Anvari, who hasn't run but is doing very well.



Henry Cecil

Age: 47. Trains at Newmarket. Age: 47. Irans at rewinanter.

Big-race wins: Derby (twice), Caks
(twice), 2,000 Guineas (twice), 1,000
Guineas (three times), St Leger (four
times), Franch & Irish Derby, king
George VI & Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes, Eclipse Stakes
(three times). 116 winners, £1,606,561.

Horses in training: 211. **Prospects** "Be My Chief won all his six

races as a two-year-old. He was particuarly impressive when winning the Racing Post Trophy. He's done very well.
I'm training him for the Guineas and he might go for the Craven first. Be My Chief loves soft ground and I think he will stay 10 furiongs at "Shavian is another nice colt, who won well at Ascot in

stay middle distances in due course, but is he by Kris and has got plenty of speed.

" Dress Parade, Great
Heights and Private Tender are promising three-year-old to get further."

the antumn. He could well



Luca Cumani Age: 40. Trains at Newmarket.

Big-rece wins: Derby, St Leger, Irish Derby, Budweiser Million. 88 winners, £1,142,277. Guineas, St Leger. 60 winners, £446,747. Horses in training: 187. **Prospects**

"It's difficult for me to be

positive about my prospects this year. The firm ground and the flu, which affected everyone last summer, prevented me from setting to know my two-year-olds as well as usual. My gness is that I will be a bit light on classic colts but stronger on fillies. "The best colts I could

mention at the moment would

he Bridal Toast and Rudy's Fantasy. As far as the fillies are coocerned, I would men-oon Line Of Thunder and Alwathba for the 1,000 Guineas and Narwala for the Oaks. "Alwathba wouldn't stay further than a mile, but we'll have to find out about Line Of Thunder. She was second in the Cheveley Park but is bred



John Dunlop Age: 50. Trains at Arundel, Sussex.

Big-race wies: Derby, Irish Derby, Irish 2,000 Guineas, Oaks, 1,000

Prospects

"We're a bit weaker among the older horses compared with previous years and it's the same with the three-yearold colts. We're stronger among the three-year-old fil-lies and Salsabil has done particularly well through the winter. "We've two or three well-

bred fillies who have shown promise on the racecourse and should do well this season including Wasnah and Sajjaya. Of the colts, Baligh is probably the best at the moment. He was second, beaten a long way in the Racing Post Trophy at Newcastle by Be My Chief, and he'll have to improve a lot to take a hand in



David Elsworth Age: 50. Trains at Whitsbury, Hampshire.

Big-race wins: Cheveley Park Stakes, Goodwood Cup, Royal Hunt Cup, Jersey Stakes. 35 winners, £476.984.

Prospects

"I hope to run Dead Certain in the Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury and In The Groove in the Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket. Both fillies are well forward. We're very excited and optimistic.

Dead Certain was giving weight when just beaten by Crime Of Passion at Newmarket and had the winners of 20 races behind her when winning the Cheveley Park Stakes in the autumn. Yet the handicapper still managed to put Negligent in front of her in the Free Handicap. "Now if you want a dark

colt, I give you Silca An'Key. He may not be good enough for a classic. But he could win



John Gosden Age: 39. Trains at Newmarket

Big-race wine: Second season training after a successful career in the United States. 28 winners, £160,048. Horses in training: 125.

Prospects

"Rudjig is a four-year-old who hasn't run since the Italian Derby last year, but we have decided to keep him in training "Of the three-year-olds, An-

shan, who finished third in the Dewhurst and in the Cartier Million, has the best exposed form; he must have fast ground.

"My Lord won at Leicester

last backend and looks a good staying prospect for later in the season. Quavering is not a bad type who will run up to a mile and Rejoneo is another who could be all right. "Keen Hunter and Grey

Owl, both fifth at Newmarket on their only runs last year, should come into their own later on.



Age: 44. Trains at East Everleigh, Wittshire.

Big-race wins: 2,000 Guineas (twice), Irish 2,000 Guineas. **Prospects**

"I've got three possible

Rock City, Osario and Tirol. Rock City is likely to go for the Greenham Stakes. I'd only switch him to the Free Handicap if the ground were to my principal Derby hope. He become too soft at Newbury. "He was impressive at Royal Ascot, Newmarket and in the Gimerack last year, and

з нотіз нш last autumn. I'd like to run him in the Craven. Osario won the Racecall Gold Trophy at Redcar and earlier ran Be My Chief to a length. I'd

race he gets no penalty.

"I'm very hopeful about those two. They were big. gangling two-year-olds; now they're big, strong three-year-olds."



Guy Harwood Age: 50. Trains at Pulborough,

Big-race wins: 2,000 Guineas (twice), King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes (twice), Eclipse Stakes (twice), Prix de l'Arc de Tdrante 109 winners, £1,719,786. Horses in training: 164.

Prospects

"Digression won the Royal Lodge Stakes for me last seasoo and at this stage looks may also be given the opportunity to go for the 2,000 Guineas if he comes ready in time. He's always been classy, but it's a bit early to tell just how classy. The Craven is the

likely starting point for him. ai waki and Duke Of Paducah have class and are entitled to be trained for the big ones. Duke Of Paducah is by Green Dancer, so should stay 1½ miles. Defensive Play is another colt you couldn't dismiss from the Derby reckoning.

"Of the fillies, Free At Last beat some useful colts in the Somerville Tattersall Stakes. is pleasing me and will be trained for the Nell Gwyn and the 1,000 Guineas."



Dick Hern

Aged 69: Trains at West listey, Berkshire. Berkshire, Big-race wins:. Derby (three times), Oaks (three times), 2,000 Guineas (twice), 1,000 Guineas, St Leger (six times), King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes (five times), Eclipse Stakes.

44 winners, 21,263,932. Horses in training: 58.

Prospects

"My horses are all well forward. In fact, as forward as I would want them to be at this time of the year. Mukddaam, Elmaamul and Marienski are my most likely classic colts.

"Mukddaam, a balf-brother to Nashwan and Unfuwain, won his only race at Newmarket in the autumn. He's hung away from the rails at the finish. I put that down to inexperience, so I intend to run him in the Laburnum Stakes at Kempton before tackling one of the recognized

"Neither Elmaamul or Marienski are certain to stay. Elmaamul is by Diesis and Marienski by Nurcyev out of Highelere. Elmaamul will go for the Craven Stakes before tackling the Guineas."

from England, seeded No. 4 behind Danielle Drady, of Australia, in the bottom half.



Barry Hills

Age: 52. Trains at Manton, Witshire. Pig-race wins: Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, 2,000 Guineas, 1,000 Guineas, Irish Derby, Irish Oaks. 73 winners, 2814,119. Horses in training: 159.

Prospects "Negligent was rated last sea-

son's top filly after winning the Rockfel Stakes at Newmarket. She's done really well and woo't run before the 1,000 Guineas. She could well stay further than that in doe course. "Silk Slippers showed

plenty of stamina when coming late to win the Hoover Fillies's Mile at Ascot in September. She'll probably go for the Guineas first, but the Oaks objective.
"Sharp Mover is another

nice filly with plenty of speed, who won at Sandown as a twoyear-old and Spanish Empire is a Derby entry. He ran very well on his only appearance when fourth at Newbury in October, and could make up into a nice horse."



Vincent O'Brien Age: 72. Trains at Ballydoyle, Ireland.

reand,
Big-race wins: Derby (six times),
Caks (twice), St Leger (three times),
St Leger (three times), 2,000 Guineas (four times), 1,000 Guineas, Prix
de l'Arc de Triomphe (three times),
King George VI & Queen Elizabeth
Stakes (three times), Eclipse (tive

27 winners, 1989 trish prize-money (win only): In£150,112. Horses in training: 84.

Prospects

Royal Academy and Wedding Bouquet would be our only possible runners for the English 2,000 Guineas and 1.000 Guineas respectively. There's no doobt that

Royal Academy disappointed us when only sixth behind shiog Blade in the Dewhurst, even though he was beateo only four lengths. With hindsight, which is always easy, he was very weak at that

"Wedding Bouquet did us proud last season, particularly when running Dashing Blade to three-quarters of a length in the National Stakes.

"Of our more backward colts with possible classie potential, I would single out Splash Of Colonr and



Age: 34. Trains at Newmarket.

Big-race wins: King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes, Ectipse (twice), Irish St Leger. 30 winners, £298,777. Horses in training: 90. **Prospects**

"I have five older horses this year including Filia Ardross,

the champioo filly in Germany last season. Brashee is in good form. He needs a mile and a half and plenty of give in the ground but, with so many good older horses staying in training this time, it might be hard to place him.

"Kaheel is my only Derby entry, and he'll have to show that he's worthy of a place in really well and I like her a lot. If she comes to hand in time, she could go straight for the 1,000 Guineas, but I woo't be hurrying her.

Yaazi is a nice three-yearold colt who will start in handicaps, and we'll have to see how he gets on. My team look and train well at the moment, but most of the three-year-olds are good-quality handicappers."



Age: 44. Trains at Newmarket

Big-race wins: Derby (twice), Oaks (twice), 2,000 Guineas (twice), 1,000 Guineas, irish Derby (three times), Irish Oaks (four times). 117 winners, £2,000,330. Horses in training: 191.

Prospects

"I'm not coovinced we've got a serious classic hope at this stage. We haven't done any really serious work with the three-year-olds yet. And last seasoo's two-year-olds weren't as good as those in "I feel that at this stage

negative information is better than inaccurate guesswork. I ve got a reputation for being realistic and I don't want to "Of the three-year-olds, the field. Gharam has done realistic and I don't want to lose it. I'd rather try and make Welney will go for one of the sense in a week or two's time when we know more and have 2,000 Guineas, all being well. done more work.

"Having said that, Sasaki is race at Leicester in October by On The House."

Slow time. Ivrea could he a nice filly in the making. She is by Sadler's Wells and won her maiden at Leicester in good



Aged: 60. Trains at Newmarket.

Big-race wins: Derby, King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes. 25 winners, £354,599. Horses in training: 84.

Prospects Braiswick has dooe very

well throughout the wioter and I am pleased with her. We will wait for suitable ground -.she must have it soft - and her distance is a mile and a quarter, so I expect she'll be tackling the big fillies' races at the backend of the season. Jehol is a nice horse who

had problems with his back last year but he seems to be all

Guineas trials and then for the At the moment I am aiming Dorset Duke for the Derby. Of a Derby entry. He is a horse I the maidens, I like Rendalls, a think a lot of He won his only nice colt by Top Ville out of

Interviews by Michael Seely and Graham Rock

SQUASH RACKETS

Draw encourages Jahangir

Jahangir Khan's chances of creating a record of nine successive British Open victorics improved when yes-terday's draw for the £82,000 Hi-Tec sponsored tournament placed three of his main rivals in the bottom half and only Chris-topher Dittmar, the troubled world No. 3, as a top-ranked barrier to the final. With Jansher Khan, the world

champion, seeded to meet Christopher Robertson, the world No. 4, and then Rodney Martin, the world No. 5, in a bottom half also including Umar Heyat Khan aud Brett Martin, the top-seeded defend-ing champion gained the benefit of a marginally weaker top half of the draw.

Jahangir will begin at Lambs Club, London, against Jamie Hickox on April 18 and will meet either Bryan Beeson, the England captain, or Sami Elopuro, the Finnish No. I, on the Perspex court at Wembley on April 20.

Success there would probably take the Pakistani, aged 26, 10 either Ross Norman, the experienced New Zealander, who ended Jahangir's 51/2-year undefeated run in 1986, or Phillip

Leeks Welsh Wizards, secure in

the knowledge that they could not be overtaken at the final

hurdle, cantered home to Car-

diff with the Pimm's premier

league championship, happily absorbing a 4-1 defeat inflicted upon them in London by Lambs

Club, the dispossessed champions (Colin McQuillan writes).

The ambitious Welsh squad.

whose only authentic native

members are the captain, Adrian Davies, and the man-ager, Robert Edwards, finished

two points ahead of UTC Can-

two points anead of UTC Can-nons, who defeated Embassy Edgbaston Priory 4-1 in their last fixture, and four points ahead of Village Leisure Hotels, one of the early league leaders, who concluded with a 3-2 win

from Australia, who must regain the form with which he removed Jahangir from World Open in October after knee surgery and a serious disciplinary clash with the International Squash Play-ers Association of which he is

British Open performance and may feel that his eleventh seeding will allow him unpressured success this time.
The women's draw raises the possibility of a first semi-final meeting between Lisa Opie, the perennial British bridesmaid,

and Susan Devoy, the New Zealander, to whom she has lost

Opie is the No. 3 seed in the top half, with Martine Le Moignan, the world champion,

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over GT Superkings Abbeydale.

The loyal presence of Robert-son, even at the last redundant

fixture for the Wizards, will not

have escaped management comparison to Lambs' own Australian first string, Chris-topher Dittmar, whose still largely unexplained Christmas

disappearance denied the defending champions any ves-

Kenyon, of England, who lost the 1979 world final to Jahangir, when the Pakistani was aged 15. In the semi-finals Jahangir faces the prospect of Dittmar,

Le Moignan will need to overcome Suzanne Horner, the Yorkshire champion, who beat her in the recent East of England final, to reach a semi-final against Drady, who may have her own problems surviving the challenge of Lucy Sounter, the British champion. Opie should not have any problems until she meets Michelle Martin, of Australia, in the quarter-finals, hut her run could end abruptly against Devoy, in search of a sixth successive British Open title, who has won three important tournaments with omi-Dittmar is in a difficult part of the draw that includes Adrian Davies, the unpredictable Welsh champion, Del Harris,

the British champion, returning strongly from a back injury, and Mir Zaman Gul, the world No. 6. Harris is due a significant

nous assurance.
The dark horse of the top half may be Alison Cumings, the former national champion, aged 28, who has rejuvenated her

career playing at second string behind Martin in the Women's

tige of a second-half fightback.

behind Martin in the Women's Superleague this season. LEADING SEEDINGS: Mac: 1. Jahangir Khan (Paid; 2, Jansher Khan (Paid; 3, C Ditimer (Aus); 4, C Robertson (Aus); 5, R Martin (Aus); 6, M Z Gul (Paid; 7, U H Khan (Paid; 8, R Norman (NZ); 9, B Martin (Aus); 10, R Eyles (Aus). Women: 1, a Devoy (NZ); 2, D Drady (Aus); 3, L Opin (Eng); 4, M La Molgnan (Eng); 5, L Irving (Aus); 6, R Lembourne (Aus); 7, S FEZGerald (Aus); 8, M Martin (Aus); 9, R Best (Ire); 10, F Gesves (Eng). Wizards are triumphant in defeat

> Dispossessed and restructured former champions will not be the Wizards' only worries next season, however. Fosters Stripes, the southern second division champions, can already call on the services of new to them. If everthing goes Jansher Khan, the world cham pion, and Mir Zaman Gul, the world No. 6. Other London-based Pakistanis might be amused to join them in challenging Welsh first division

superiority. RESULTS: Lambs Cub 3, Leeks Welsh Wizurds 2; Embassy Edgbeston Priory 1, UTC Cennons 4; GT Superkings Abberdale 2, Village Leisure Hotels 3; Wer Systems Surrey 2, Alleports North-ern 3.

ICE HOCKEY

Britain in need of aggression

By Norman de Mesquita On the evidence of the opening pool D game in the world championships in Cardiff, Great Britain have little to fear when they meet Spain tonight. The first impressions of the British contingent, which watched the Spaniards draw 2-2 with Austra-

Spaniards draw 2-2 with Austra-lia on Tuesday, were that nei-ther side should prove too demanding for the hosts. Alex Dampier, the British coach, was a little cagey when asked about his reaction to the opening game. "Both teams seemed a little nervous," he said, "but I am sure they will settle down and play better settle down and play better during the rest of the week. "The Spanish are a young side with a lot of speed and skill and

could prove troublesome."

The Australians had their goaltender, Damian Holland, to thank for his 48 saves against Spain, without which his side would have been heftily beaten. "He is very talented and could certainly prove a stumbling block," Dampier said. The young Spaniards seemed somewhat inhibited by the physical nature of the Australians'

play and with British ice hockey also allying a physical approach to speed and skill, this could prove to be very much to Great Britain's advantage when they face the Spaniards tomorrow. Dampier said: "The Spaniards are not used to that style. They do not play that way in Spain and when they meet British teams, they get bumped around a bit and it is a little hit

according to play, I think we will do quite well." All 21 members of the British souad looked fit and keen at a 45-minute workout yesterday. One thing Dampier would not reveal is who will be playing in goal against Australia in the opening match. "The two goal-ies to dress will be Jeff Smith and David Graham. Who starts remains to be seen," he said. ICE HOCKEY: Pool O world che

By Sydney Friskin

The Services championship began at Reading yesterday in the same manner as it did last year, with the Royal Navy deteating the Royal Air Force, and by the same score. The RAF then were not the defending then were not the defending champions as they are now.

Yesterday's result was a fair index of the run of play. The RAF woke up in the last six

will be ready for the new season in September (Joyce Whitehead writes).
Thanks largely to a new agreement with Fisons, the sponsor of the club, plus grant aid from the Sports Council and

TODAY'S FIXTURES ships: Spain v Great Britain (Cardiff). MOTORCYCLING: Speedway challenge: Iptwich v Poole; Middlesbrough v Long Extor. **FOOTBALL** European Cup Winners' Cup

Grasshopper Zurich (0) v Samp-doria (2) (7.15) PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE First di-vision: Derby v Everton (7.0), Second division: Barneley v Bolton (7.0); Scun-thorpe v Wigan (7.0). PAUDINALL LEAGUE AC Delco Cup: Fourth round replay: Woking v Kingsbury: CAWOOOS COUNTY ANTRIM SHELD: Second round: Distillary v Larne.
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SCHOOLS SEVENS TOURNAMENT:

RAF join the battle too late

HOCKEY

mioutes hat could not cancel out the two-goal lead which the Navy had deservedly taken in the second half. The first half was a period of

Royal Navy..... Royal Air Force ... The first half was a period of wasted opportunity, particularly for the RAF, whose shooting went sadly astray. In the fifteenth minute, however, their outside right Mills was deprived of a goal by Ardagh, who saved on the line. Five minutes later Smith just failed to make contact with the ball hastily desnatched by Moseley.

The Navy went ahead un-expectedly in the 55th minute. Women turn artificial

Ipswich LHC is set to achieve a long standing ambition — to provide the area with its first floodlit artificial pitch, which

This year Ipswich won the This year Ipswich won the indoor club championship and

have three players in the squad to play in the World Cup io Australia. It will be the first women's

club in the country to own a

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BASEBALL: Screensport 8-10,30em: Highlights of the 1999 World Series.
BASKETBALL: Eurosport 10em-mickey, 4-6 and 7-30-830pm: Highlights of the Korac and 30-80-80em; Highlights of the coverage of the European Cape Screensport 230-4pm and 10,45pm-12,15sm; College match: Highlights of the ACC champlemships and American Learning. League.
BLATHLON: Euroeport 6.30-7.30pm:
Highlights of the World Cup (men and
women) from Norway.
BBLIJARDS: Euroeport 3-4pm: Highlights
of the three-custion European Cup from

EXAMPLE Scheenpart 12-1.30pm and 9.30-11.30pm; Highlighs of the World Championable, and USF World Craisenweight: Live coverage of Glass MicCroyr v Jeff Lampids from Gateshead: Scheenport 1-2.30pm; Top Rank event from the United States. Sam, FOOTBALL: Screensport 4-Sport Inter-national highlights, and Argusteless

Sweden. BOXING: Screensport 12-1,30pm and

to establish cootact and Spinks to put the finishing touch. The

unexpected happened again nine minutes later, with Dale-Smith forsaking his post as left back and appearing as a for-ward to drive home the second ward, to drive nome the second goal from a difficult angle. In the dying minutes the RAF came ioto it with a serious threat and the unmarked Powell rounded off a combined assault rounded out a combined assault with a well-taken goal.
Earlier the RAF Under-21 side had beaten the Navy Under-21 2-1, with W. inam

Under-2! 2-1, with W.imam scoring both goals for the RAF, the first from a short corner, and Hooper replying for the Navy, MOYAL NAVY: PO S Enticknes: Li t Bisson, Sub-1: G Date-Smith, LS R Davey (sate: LAEA S Mitchel), CPO G Mather (capital), LAEM M Ardagh, AEM J Mossley (sub: LWEM T Spinks), Wir L Wasson, LtS Askins, LWEM P Cooper, PO J Smith.

J Smith.

ROYAL AIR FORCE: Col T Kelly; Fit Lt J

Griffen, Fit Lt F McLeam (captain), SAC Z

Hussain, Cpl 1 Barrett, Fit Lt C Kimber

SAG I Mális (saub: Fit Lt P Morris), SAC I

Wood, SAG P Anstes (sub: SAC I

Hughes), FO N Powel, FO M Hallm.

Limplines: Lt Brunn (Force) Newyol and Sri Umpires: Lt I Bryan (Royal Navy) and Sgt J Patel (RAF).

MOBE, MOTOR SPORT NEWS: Extraport 6-6.30pm: Motorsports news from around the world. SIOTOR SPORT: Screensport 10.30-11.50em and 8.50-8.30pm: Dragater rec-leg: Highlights of the MiRRA Super-Nationale from Taxes, and World Raby champlemeltips: Highlights of the 1980 Portugade Raily.

POND SIG REPORT: Eurosport 9.30-9.35pm.

RACING: Screensport 12.15-1em (ton row): Highlights of the 1980 seeson fi France.

SNOOKER: BBCZ 4-5pm and 12.15-1.20mm (consorrow): World Cap: Highlights of Wales v Asstralia and Northern beland v Reet of the World from Bournemouth: Eurosport 11.50pm-1.30mm: Highlights of the European Open from Lyon.

TENPON SCWLING: Screensport 9.50-10.45pm: Highlights of the National champlesships from the Imperial Lance. TRANS WORLD SPORT: Eurospect 9-10am: Sport from around the world. UPDATE: Sceensport 7.30pm.

Sporting videos winners

There are 20 winners of The Times' recent competition to win copies of two new sporting win copies of two new sporting videos. Victory! (West Indies v England, the first Test, 1990), and British Title Fights. I olume 2, both released by Castle Hendring.
The winners are: Mr Robert

Marsh, of Marina Avenue, Fulwell, Sunderland; Mrs Brid-Fulwell, Sunderland; Mrs Bridget Chilvers, of Pontoise Close, Sevenoaks, Kent; Mr John Nellist, of Yunus Khan Close, Walthamstow, London E17; E. K. Marshall, of Crescent Road, Reading; R. Fitzgerald, of Northcote Road, Portswood, Southampton; M. D. P. Smith, of Byng Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent; Mr Peter T. Finucane, of Osborne Road, Eastbourne; Mr Arthur de Sybel, of Aberdeen Road, Clifton, Bristol; Mr Alan Clarke, of Archvale Avenue, Glengormley, Co Antrim; T. Grattan, of Hambleden Park, Drumber, Dunmurray, Belfast; Drumbeg, Dunmurray, Belfast, Mr N. J. Bloomfield, of Corn-Mr N. J. Bloomfield, of Cornbury Crescent, Downhead Park, Milton Keynes; Mr David Latumore, of Malone Road, Woodley, Reading; Mr E. J. Kcohane, of Finborough Road, London SW10: Mr Chris Hardy, of Oakhurst Grove, London SE-22; R. Moody, of Wannick Large R. Moody, of Warwick Lane, Market Bosworth, Nuneaton: Mr Robert J. Peacock, of Castelnau, Barnes, London SW13; Miss Elaine Broadbent, of Dainton of Dainton Grove, Bartley Green, Birmingham: Mr Kevin Smith, of Constable Road, Hillmorton, Rughy; A. P. Mercer. of Brotherton Close, Chip-penham, Wiltshire; Mr Timothy Harrison, of Mallinson Grove, Harrogate. The answers were: I. Wisden

Trophy: 2, Mike Denness; 3, Rohan Kanhai; 4, Michael Holding; 5, Antigua; 6, Kensington Oval, Bridgetown.

McKenzie lay-off Phil McKenzie, the Widnes hooker, will be out of rugby league for a fortnight with an injured leg but Andy Currier, the centre, returns against Wigan on Saturday

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Beau Sher primed for a flying start in Doncaster Mile

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

With Beau Sher, Gran Alba, Just Three, Lunar Mover, and Air Music all standing their ground at Town Moor today, the Doncaster Mile has

It is possible to make ont s case for each one of the Quinter, but I favour Beau Sher the most. By winning the corresponding event last year, Ben Hanbury's seven-year-old proved that he comes to hand

with the minimum of fuss. Afterwards, Beau Sher went on to score at Leicester and Haydock in the first half of the season before finishing a highly creditable second in the Prince of Wales's Stakes st Royal Ascot.

last season before stepping up a level to finish sixth in a classic; Granalba in the Derby, Lunar Mover in the 2,000 Guioeas. Unfortunately, that was the last we saw of Lunar Mover who fractured a canon bone in the process.

While he is reported to be moving nicely again at home, the racecourse still remaios the acid test for one who has

credit. Just Three was the next to the rails John most prolific. As all those wins Bottomley's four-year-old will were over seven furlongs, though, it remains to be seen to lead all the way, in the

Norton's Coin ruled out

The Cheltenham Gold Cup hero

The nine-year-old is not among the 71 entries for the Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown and Sirrell Griffiths. his owner-trainer, yesterday also ruled out the Marteli Cup st

Griffiths commented: "At this time of year, you would expect the ground to dry up. Norton's Coin does not want it too dry, so there is no chance of him going to Liverpool, "He did

Going: good to firm

2m 1f) (18 runners)

Selections By Mandarin

2.20 SAAB CD NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £1,898:

2 0132 PROUD CREST 19 (BF,S) O Sherward 19 Michards
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4 -490 BALLYANTO 8 Miss J Thorns 5-11-7. N Design
5 00 COLONEL OFKELAY 16 D Bargus 6-11-7. N Hamba (3)
6 2000 COURT APPEAL 42 C POPRIN 8-11-7. A Teny (3)
7 PFBP LAUREUSEL 17 N Michall 9-11-7. A Teny (3)
8 4 POINTEVECCISO NOTTE 83 W G Turner 5-13-7
C Designary (7)
9 01ER 3HIRSON 5 F Holis 6-11-7.

7-4 Harry Line, 9-4 Proud Crest, 4-1 Ard TiMatch, 8-1 Groom Porter, 12-1 Cream By Post, 20-1 others.

2.50 SAAB CD NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,898:

18-11 Dweckne, 11-5 Olveston, 8-1 Sporting Idol. 12-1 Fly The Wind, 20-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: R Dictin, 4 winners from 18 runners, 39.8%; D R C Beworth, 21 from 71, 29.6%; M C Pipe, 75 from 261, 28.7%; G S Beiding, 21 from 111, 18.9%; P J Hobbs, 20 from 117, 17.1%; G A Harn, 10 from 60, 18.7%.

JOCKEYS: P Scudamore, 53 winners from 164 rides, 32.3%; J Lower, 16 from 62, 24.2%; P Holley, 6 from 26, 21.4%; W McFarland, 7 from 34, 20.6%; R Hyete, 4 from 23, 17.4%; R Guest, 16 from 61, 16.4%.

Worcester

Going: good to firm; home, straight good to soft

1 8-12 HARRY LINE 18 (RF, S) M Pipe 6-12-0.... P 8 2 0132 PROUD CREST 19 (RF, S) O Sherwood 8-12-0

Ben Hanbury, who trains the talented Bean Sher

trip against horses of the calibre of Beau Sher. With his customary unbridled enthusiasm, Clive Brittain is hopeful of a bold showing from Air Music who Gran Alba and Lunar was last seen running on.
Mover also woo first time out doggedly in third place in the group two Royal Lodge Stakes, won by Digression at Ascot last September.

However, I am loath to side with a three-year-old maiden, albeit a promising one such as Air Music, against s mature horse like Beau Sher so early

Now that he has been drawn in stall one, Qualitair Aviator appeals as a good bet to win that sort of injury.

With five victories to his he is my nap. From that spot be in the perfect position to try

bow he fares over this extra hands of Gary Bardwell.

us proud last week and we'll Norton's Coin will not run again forget about the rest of this season. We'll start him off again next autumn."

Responding to questions on the horse's newly-acquired cele-brity status, Griffiths said: "The horse is fine, but I've taken so many phone calls, I haven't been shie to get on with any farm work." farm work.

The Whitbread entries in-clude Desert Orchid and Aintree probables Bonanza Boy, The Thinker, Strands Of Gold, Call Collect and Brown Windsor.

struck up a good partnership on the all-weather surfaces at both Southwell and Lingfield. winning three times on the Nottinghamshire track and once on the southern course. As his last win was only 19 days ago, peak fitness is guaranteed on a day when many of his rivals could easily be a bit ring-rusty.

Gibbet (3.5) and Erik Odin (4.10), who have also been campaigning on the all-wea-ther surface fairly recently, are taken to win the Raceform Apprentice Handicap and the Raceform Handicap Book Handicap respectively. Elmayer, my choice for the Hallgate Maiden Stakes, has that touch of class which his rivals lack, having finished secood in the Prix Lupio on his seasonal debut last spring. As far as the Philip Cornes Brocklesby Stakes is concerned, my best information singles out Sandcliffe Way and

Over the jumps at Devon & Exeter, Romany King, who has already won two hurdles on the track, cao sustain his progress over fences by making sure that the Heavitree Brewery Challenge Cup becomes his third victory in four

Rhythmic Dancer. The latter

Blinkered first time

Cecil work

rider dies J W "Nobby" Clark, one of Henry Cecil's principal workriders, died vesterday morning after returning from exercising a colt on the Newmarket gallops. Clark, aged 56, had worked at Warren Place for the late Sir Noel Murless before Cecil took over the yard, "It's a very sad loss because he had been part of the family," said Cecil. "He will be best remembered for looking

after Dimiouendo, the wincer of

3.20 HEAVITREE BREWERY CHALLENGE CUP NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£4,107: 2m 1f) (8) LOEVAN'E EXETER. 2.20 Ard T Match. 2.50 Dwadme, 3.20 Romany King. 3.50 Peristyle. 4.20 Lislary Lad. 4.50 Free Justice.

6-5 Romeny King, 7-2 Highfire, 4-1 Master Bern, S-1 Minim 10-1 Goodwyns Lad, 16-1 others.

3.50 SAAB TURBO SELLING HURDLE (£1,674: 2m

11) (2)	
1 4	413	DEFINSTER WILLOW 17 G Baiding 11-2 A Charles (5)
2 (2600	RAPLOVAC 14 C Broad 11-0 A Carrol
3	PO	MOUNTAIN LEFE 17 R O'Sulfivert 11-5 QO'Sulfivers (7)
4 1	F4	POLDER 41 (H) Q Burchell 11-5
5	PPO	REPALDO 14 (B) R Hotiges 11-0 W Irvine (3)
8		STOKE PERO 28 N Aylife 11-5 P Richards
7	•	THE YOKEL 185F F Marring 11-0 J McLallan (7)
6	2	PERISTYLE 101 (SF) M Pipe 10-8 P Scudemore
4	5 Pe	ristyle, 4-1 Deemster Willow, 9-2 Karlovec, 6-1 Pol-
ler, 1	2-1 o	thers.

4.20 ST DAVID'S SAAB HANDICAP CHASE (£3,150: 3m 1f) (17) 1 APSP GLEN GEORGE 19 (C.F.G.S) O Ham 18-12-0. B Powell 2 P-8F FARBILEA BOY 14 (F.G.S) G Busting 18-11-10 R Guest 3 111P HIGH HAM BLUES 29 (O.F.G.S) O Berons 8-11-7

4 324 RUSTSTONE: 12 (0.5) R Brown 18-11-5... J Brown (7) 5 2-P4 REBEL SONG 45 (0.5) O Sherwood 6-11-4 M Richards 5 -134 LOCKWOOD PRINCE 104 (0.F.(0.5) R Frost 7-11-3 7 15/P WISH LORD 16 (D.C.S) M Plot 9-18-18. NON-RUNNER 8 38F6 FARM WEEK 65 (SF.C.S) G Batches 8-10-18 8 84FP EN COUNAST THEON 84 (CD.F.S) G Dodge 9-10-9 10 /2-5 IMPERIAL CHAMPAGNE 42 (D.C.S) MISS J Thorres 10-10-8

11 FUR1 LISLARY LAD 6 (F,G) J Roberts 10-10-5 (Sec)

5-1 Listery Led. 11-2 High Ham Stues, 8-1 Robel Song. 7-1 Farmies Boy, 8-1 Buststons, 10-1 others. 4.50 SAAB 900 HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,658: 2m

1f) (12)

1 5130 CELTIC BOB 8 (D.F.S) O O'Nell 18-11-16 V Stemery (7)
2 F000 THICHIVILLE 68 (R.S) 8 Turion 18-11-5 State
3 -581 DAWN PRINCE 16 (F) M Pipe 7-11-5 P Scottemore
4 25-9 DOC'S COAT? (2D.F.S) C Watchers 5-11-3 S Weight
5 -361 FREE JUSTICE 19 (S) A J Wisson 8-10-8 A Webb
6 FR21 SAN FRANCISCO JOE 28 A Derson 8-10-8 6 Hazest (7)
7 6304 TROLAN 3040 14 (CD.F.S) R Frest 6-10-7 J Frost
6 -589 TREWITHEN 120 (D.F.S) (3 Berons 8-10-5 N Hewte (S)
9 3403 POINCERED SED 13 (B.S) I Wards 6-18-1. 2 Castegher
10 933 CROWN AND HORNS 25 Nrs J Peter 6-10-3 Powel
11 4130 SUPER JULES 46 (8,0) J Old 5-10-0 B Michell
12 6059 SPAR LADY 64 J Poherts 7-10-0 D. Powel
9-4 Daven Prince, S-2 Free Justice, 4-1 Celtic Bob, 5-1 San
Francisco Joe, 8-1 Doc's Cost, 12-1 others.

Opinions sought in Derby entry debate

By George Rae

Sir Evelyn de Rothschild, the chairman of United Race-courses, yesterday threw open the vexed question of entries for

The 126 entries for this year's race, the 211th running of the Epsom classic, was some 25 per cent down on last year's figure of 169. In 1987 there were 208 entries

Speaking at the Ever Ready funch in London yesterday, Sir Evelyn said: "I am looking for as many people as possible to write to me personally and offer their suggestions for changes to the entry system.
"Trying to get the balance

ering alterations and we want to get it right."

That Sir Evelyn has opened the argument to public debate suggests disquiet with the existing system and the corresponding decline in entries. Although the entry Re of \$1,320 has remained the same for four years, the cost of having a runner has increased from £2,400 io 1987 to £5,000 this year. Total prize-money for the race will be £600,000 with the

wioning owner receiving £355,000.

on. "I would like to hear the arguments for entering as two-year-olds, three-year-olds, or even as foals. We are considering alterations and we ment the bill, has argued for a lower entry fee to draw in the less considering alterations and we ment to the bill has argued for a lower entry fee to draw in the less considering alterations and we ment to the bill has argued for a lower entry fee to draw in the less considering alterations and we ment to the bill has argued for a lower entry fee to draw in the less considering alteration and the bill has a result of the the bill, has argued for a lower entry fee to draw in the less wealthy. A wider base would be created, and at the same time cool the allegations of clitism which regularly strends the announcement of the entries.

The cost of the later forfeits would be raised, as by the time of the recognised trials owners should know whether they have a genuine classic hope or not.

Whether the ROA will get its way remains to be seen, but de Rothschild's mood suggests changes are at hand.

changes are at hand.
For the fifth year in succession, Sheikh Mohammed is

represented by the largest number of entries. However, even he has apparently exercised more restraint with only 21 against 36 a year ago. Khaled Abdulla has nine and the remainder of the Maktoum family seven.

Henry Cecil, twice successful in the race with Slip Anchor and Reference Point, has the most entries among the trainers with 17, including Be My Chief, unbeaten in six races last season. unbeaten in six races last season.
Guy Harwood includes Royal
Lodge Stakes winner Digression, the early favourite in
most books, among his 13 hopefuls.

Dick Hern, responsible for

last year's winner Nashwan, has seven to call upon this time,

notably Elmaamul, Marienski and Mukddaam, a half-brother to Nashwan. Plotting their respective classic routes, Hern confirmed Mukddaam as a probable for Kempton on April 6, adding: "Elmaamul has pleased me over the winter and is likely to run in the Craven Stakes at Newmarket, while Marienski will probably wan for the Sandown Classic Trial."

There was also news of last year's classic crop. Charles St George is thinking of starting Michelogzo, his St Leger winner, in the Prix Ganay at Longthamp on April 27. "He is in fine shape and the Ganay is a Longchamp on April 2: in fine shape and the Ganay is a suitable 'early objective as long as the ground is wet."

PONCASTER Guide to our in-line racecard

Selecti By Mandarin 2.00 QUALITAIR AVIATOR (nap).	ODS By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.00 Take One.	Research comber. Draw in brackets. Six-Spice love (F fitt.) P position on J. U - unessed fitter. 2 - brought down. S - slipped up. R - refused. G - dequalitied, Horse mean. Days whon test outing. J S jamps, F II fits. (S - binkers. Spic.) Good to firm, hard. G - good to circle. The outing J S jamps, F II fits. (S - binkers. Spic.) Good to self, treatly. Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight Rider where G - determine where. G - course and sillowance. The Times Private Handlooper's rainer.
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By Michael 2.35 Rhythmic Dancer. 3.35 BEAU S The Times Private Handicapper's	SHER (nap). 4.10 Shift Surprise. top rating: 4.40 ELMAYER.	5 (5) 322300- DANDING IMCNARCH 142 (0.F) (S Resisse) R Hoffmahead 5-8-5.
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4 (17)	060600-	TAILSPIN 175 (SLF)	Mrs A Lerssoni S Hills 5-0-5	
5 (15)	021023-	RAMBO CASTLE 13	(DJF) (Nrs J Tyrreid & Horion 4-9-3	
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13 (11)		TAKE ONE 136 (She	Mr Mohammad) O Wrage 4-8-8	8
14 (14)		JUBRAN 233 (Mrs E	Sculion) J S Wison 4-5-7 Dean McKeonya	9
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BETTING: 4-1 Qualitair Avistor, 5-1 New Arrangement, 8-1 Berrith, Phenan, 8-1 Talispin, No More The ol, 19-1 Rambo Cestis, 12-1 Bold Republic. 1989: POSITIVE WAY 5-8-0 J H Brown (14-1) S Muldoon 7 mm

FORM FOCUS BUSTED ROCK won is never nearer 7% of the nor the all-weather at southwell (in 4) earlier in the month where tables as and should go well if reproducing the form of a dividinty in a York (im 21 110)d, im) handlesp.

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	(26)		NASKED BALL 14 (D.F.F.C.S) (P Caher) P Caher 10-8- R Lupple (5)	
7	(5)		CATHEDRAL PEAK SJED.F.S) (C Sparce) C Sparce 5-8-4	
5	(23)		ASITAPPENS 182 (F) (First Comage Stables) M Tompkine 4-9-3 P Hotton (5)	
	(8)		GREENWILLS PRICE 12J (D.S) (L. Autus) H Collingridge 5-8-13 Date Gibeon (d)	
	(3)		XHAI 7J [D.B.S] [Mrs C Derby) R Simpson 8-8-11 L Minhosey (7)	
	(25)		FREE MINIX 701J (D Bramash M Camacho 4-8-10	
	(22)		SOBRIETY 26J (F,8) (T Weddington (UR) Ltd) G Baiding 5-8-8 M Heart (5)	
	(5)		VERBARUM 182 (D.F.G.S) (Mrs. J. Remeden) Mrs. J. Remeden 10-8-7 A Museo (3)	
			VENTON YA 190 (S) (R Bernet) R Bernett 5-5-5	
	(12)		GIBSOT 44 (C.D.BF.F.5) (8 Lawre-Rayment) P Howing 5-8-4	
	(14)		TOWN MEETING 166 (CD,Q.S) (M Brigain) M Brigain 6-8-2	
	(13)		STARRLYN 21 (Visual Komby) 5 Dow 4-8-1 C Comptell (7)	
	(21)		ASTURBAS 7.J (CD.S) (Mrs A Devisor) J Jefferson 7-5-0	
	(15)		GLASTONDALE 33 (D.F.G) (J Buggott) T Barron 4-8-0	
	(17)		CASSIDELLA 219 (G) (K Hallwoll) P Every 4-7-16 R Price (7)	
	(10)		THRUBALINA 112 (Mrs J Harday) S Norton 47-11 F Norton (7)	
	(18)		DAMART 14 (V.F.S) (P Davice) M Neugriton 6-7-11	
			NIGHT BOURNE 173 (Under Orders Recing Pic) S Dow 4-7-9	
	(20)		IVOROSKI 124 (QUF,S) (P 8 1 Derling) Dunys Smith 8-7-5	
			SANTELLA PAL 143 (D.F) (Mrs H Macfarlane) O Elementh 9-7-7 J Hunter (7)	
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Sergian response to the service of t 1989: TOWN MEETING 5-7-7 A Musro (20-1) M British 25 mm 1988. TOWN NEETING 5-7-7 A Murro (20-1) M Brittain 25 ran

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SANCESTER Selections By Mandarin 2.00 Arctic Paddy. 3.30 Free Travel. 3.00 Up And Coming. 4.00 Georgic. 4.30 Picasso Moods. Brian Beel's selection: 2.00 Moor Scope.

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3.0 SWAN NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,742: 3m 190yd) (18 runners)

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2 (2) 517034- BOCCY 222 (D.F.) (Heathanon Stables) J Berry 9-3
6 (5) 94808- ADDISON'S SLADE 131 (D.F.) (E Addison) M Johnston 9-0
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830-435 JAT-DEE-JAY 94 (F) (Mrs V Mannders) J Davies 7-10-1.

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Yanbu (501). 16 See Shadow (pu), Combined Exercise, Forset Faven, Ibn Zamen, 20 Seanders Lass (4th), 25 Chees Mistress (6th), The Overright Men, 33 African Minstreal (pu), Smice Eye, James Pitver (pu), Buckarvill (ft), Dublin Saga. 50 Duncton Hill, Clever Chucle, Jernelley, 20 ran. NR: Anbair, Osstar's Lady, 41 St. nt. 8, 51, Mill Pipe at Wellington. Total 22.80; 2176, 22.30, 23.80, DP. 211.90, CSF 216.28. Geleg good to write home, straight good to soft 20 (2m 41 hde) 1, CLFTON CHAPEL (R Durwoody 3-4 lays); 2, Cockestown Lad (L Harvey, 12-1); 3, Height Of Fun (P Soudismore, 5-1), ALSO RAN 9-2 Generous Soot (Stri), 14 Clever Fox (pul), 16 Stephana Pet. 20 Okaz, Avonnoultraccratary (4th), 25 Stolen Star (pul), 33 Oebins' Double (pul), Frosty Reception, Sally's Gent (pul), Train Robber, 50 Bery's Jokes (8th), Center Pitte (pul, Golden Shoon (pul), Let Me Thirk, Sardar (pul), Sir Noddy, Royal Reliance (pul, Shelymyrith, Saletts (pul, 22 ran. NR: Salt Center), Salty Genter, 10 (10, 3, 8, 8, 14 Centey at Warrage, Tota: S.4.5, 229.05. 218.28.

3.30 (Sim ch) 1. RANSELING ECHO (M. Richards, 10-1); 2. Crobs De Gaserre (M. Pirmen, 8-1); 3. Consecute (R. Rowe, 11-10 tary, ALSO RAN; 7 Lough Road (f), Scarlet Oymond (4th), 20 Definel Martin (5th), Foscopee (pu), Great Morning (9th), 38 Ravesson (ar), 50 Jacoling, Martin Thomas (pu), Nest-bridge (pu), Cullentaro (pu), 100 (Stoky Brig (pu), Hallo Poli (pu), 15 ran, NR; Bridgetown Lad. NK, 12, 10, 15, dist. O Sherwood et Upper Lambourn, Totel 12, 50; 1190, 2190, 31, 110, DF; 227.50. CSF; 279.01. After a stavered's inquiry and an objection by the second the result stands. 229.05.
2.30 (2m ch) 1. ENOCKERACK (8 Powell, 5-4); 2. Neededy (G McCourt, 15-6 ser); 3. (Dage Wild (Shoemark, 25-1), ALSO RAN: 8 Messer Vince (6th), Accising (4th), Annatur's Delight (ur), 12 Short List (5th), 7 ran, NF: Wifn Gods Help, 4, 5t, 20, 10. nk. G Hem at Autridge, Tota: 23, 20, 10. nk. G Hem at Autridge, Tota: 23, 20, 15. (D. 21.80.) DF: \$4.10, CSF: £8.45. Ticket £51.62.

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4.0 (3m Sf ch) 1, GLENSIDE JERRY (J Frost, 8-4 fav); 2, Labaffield (J Shortt, 5-2); 3. Red Columbin (R Supple, 5-2), ALSO RAN: 8 Sidbury Hill (4th); 4 ran. 1%; 4, det. Q Bading at Pyfield, Tota: 22,00. DF: 22.50. CSF: \$5.11. THEST ES1.52.

3.0 (2m India) 1. WALK OF LIFE (P. Scudentore, 8-4 tay); 2. Arram View (D. J. Burchell, 8-1); 3. Benic Pinn (B. McGiff, 14-1). ALSO FAN: 9-2 Betu Rolando, 8 \$2.90. CSF: £5.11.

4.30 (2m hole) 1. AR COMMANDER (M Richards, 14-1); 2, Kindf A Smart (J Leech, 9-2); 5. Catchapentry (R Dunwoody, 5-2).

ALSO RAN: 2 tav Corbit's Diamond, 15-2 Castericharditing (4th), 25 Another Barney (8th), Cousin Fib (pul, 50 Tell You What, Wodehouse (5th), 66 Annaie (pul, Pengroes (), Wickfield Lad. Rousse De Pommre (pul, 18 ran. 8, 8, 3, 1%, %L O Sharwood at Upper Lambourn, Total (13.86; 22.90, 21.80, 21.60, OF; 217.20.

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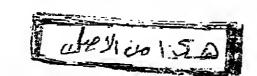
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2.16 (2m hdfe) 1, Nineotus (L. Wyer, 9-2); 2, Repest 77th Dose (7-2 (t-tay); 3, Acti-tibule (50-1), Procurator 7-2 (t-tay); 3, Acti-tibule (50-1), Procurator 7-2 (t-tay); 21 ran. 13, 71, M H Easterby; Total: 26, 70; 22.50. £1.50, £14.90. OF: £5.20, CSF: £22.92. 21:50, 21:450; (DF: EX.20); CSF: EZ2.92; 2.45 (2m 198yd ch) 1, Glood Tonic (3-1; Michael Seety's nap); 2, South Cross (7-1); 3, Safor's Delight (13-8 five, 12 ran. 15), 11. T Etherington, Tote: £3.40; £1.90, 22.40; £1.80. Dual forecast: £31.80. CSF: £23.79.

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3.45 (3m ch) 1. Irish Red (Mr K. Johnson, 3-1); 2. J.-J.-Henry (1-1); 3. Green Gorse (14-1). Conclusive 10-11 fav. 7 rar. NR-Mighty Mark, Rich Remores, 21, 3. W A Sephenson, Tota: 64,70: E2440, E350. DF: 620.30 4.18 (3m 1f hole) 1, RIVASION (F White, 2-5 tay, Mandarire map & Prievis Handlemper's tep rating; 2, Garry Odder (9-1); 3, State Let (7-1), 16 ran, 121, 1%L.3 Glover, 7 ote: £1.40; £7.40, £2.20, £2.10. DF: £3.50, CSF: £5.52. 4.45 (3m ch) 1. Bronze Heed (Mr P McMahon, 3-1; 2. Cannon Led (20-1; 3, Water Wegten (6-4 fav). 8 ran. 2%, 10. A Sones. 10te: £4.50; £1.40, £2.50, £1.80. DF: £38.00. CSF: £48.15. 5.18 (2m flat) 1, Jedezal (Mrs. A Ferrell, 33-1); 2. One For The North (15-2); 3, Mudahim (5-2); Shutib Hill 2-1 fav. 13 ran. 71, 41. P Seaumont. Tota: 247-90; 53.40. 52.30, E2.30. DF; 554.50. CSF; 5266 15. 5.45 (2m fat) 1, Fenget The Real (G Byrne, 3-1); 2, The Wrens Den (20-1); 2, Covegete Fountein (4-1), 7-4 fav. 13 ran, NF: Glen Morrent. 12, nk. Jereny Fitz-gerald. Tota: £4.00; £1.60, £8.20, £1.40, Duel forecast: £121,70. CSF: £57.86. Piacapot: £25.90

Sherwood double Oliver Sherwood completed a 164-1 double at Worcester yes-terday with Rambling Echo and Air Commander. Mark Rich-ards rode both. On the same programme, Clifton Chapel gave Henry Candy his first jumping success in 16 years as a trainer.

 Cash Asmussen will resume riding for owner Daoiel Wildensleio this season. Dominique Boeuf continues as Wil-denstein's retained jockey with Asmussen back on those horses trained by André Fabre.



Haynes's lost chance to taunt England batsmen with spin

From Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent, Port of Spain, Trinidad

island and was then regarded

have to do to procure a toehold in the modern West Indies side? Answers, please, to Robert Haynes, tired, confused and heading home to Jamaica rather than preparing seasons. He took 20 wickets in for his Test debut here tomorrow. Haynes is entitled to feel slighted after demonstrating as a big spinner of the ball. once again that English batsmen can be every bit as to the all-purpose demands of vulnerable against quality wrist spin as they are against extreme pace.

At Guaracara Park, Pointeà-Pierre, earlier this week, he impressed all, not only by taking eight wickets but by his unflagging accuracy and subtle variations. There are leading England batsmen who cannot read him and when he completed figures of six for 90 in the second innings, it seemed he had only to sit back and await the selectorial

It never came and, if Haynes's frenetic batting on the final evening, with his team facing defeat, told of a man in high dudgeon, it was

Just what does a spin bowler hard not to feel a certain taken seriously by the West Indies was David Holford in sympathy. the mid-1970s. Ironically, Holford now sits on the Haynes, after all, is no infant prodigy. He is apselection panel responsible for proaching 26 and has been in ignoring Haynes and remain-ing doggedly faithful to the the Jamaica side for eight his first two matches for the policy of four fast bowlers.

It is, of course, this approach which has won West Now, his bowling is tailored Indies so many matches, but now some of their enduring modern pitches. Graham champions have retired and Gooch, rueful after falling to the last of them, Marshall, is injured. The five fast bowlers Haynes twice in this week's match, said: "He does not turn chosen in their squad have it a long way but he is very accurate and if you make a mistake you are likely to be only 66 Test caps among them. Marshall alone has 67. For the first time in many a year, they lack a truly experi-

enced leader of the pack. Tall, not conspicuously ath-Parochialism has largely letic but with a smooth, quick disappeared from team selecarm action and a refreshing tion but the inclusion of the desire to get through his overs gifted Brian Lara, on his own without posturing, Haynes is also a good enough batsman island, for Viv Richards seems calculated to please the locals. who has regularly gone in at No. 3 for Jamaica. The way In 1981, there were demonstrations outside the grounds

things are viewed here, it is against the omission of Deryck Murray, of Trinidad. this bonus talent rather than pure bowling skill which may On England's last tour, the banners and chanting were directed at Gooch. This time, yet gain him a Test place.
The last wrist spinner to be if fitness had not discounted Richards he would have run the gamut of local anger for his recent allegedly racist re-

The effect of Richards's absence is being played down by the England hierarchy. Micky Stewart, the team manager, said: "They have got a group of players who have been together so long that they know the formula. You might look at their side and think there have got to be changes hut they show a lot of loyalty. No one knows the truth of that more than Robert Haynes.



INCLAND XI: First Innings 252 (G A Scoot 66, R J Belley 52; E A E Baptiste 4	PRESIDENT'S XL: First II
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J Bailey b Haynes	L L Harris low b Malcolm
E Hemmings low b Benjamin	
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Lawrence runs into trouble

David Lawrence, the England A fast bowler, suffered a disheartening experience on the second day of the match against poor and, overall, it was a disappointing outing for the touring side.

Zimbabwe B here yesterday.

Lawrence jeopardized his chances of playing in the third five-day international at the weekend after problems with his run-up, and he was also warned twice for running on the pitch. Playing his first game for three weeks following a calf strain, be bowled 22 no-balls boundary. The runs made the difference between England being in a position to make their

opponents follow on. Zimbabwe, resuming at 20 for three, were all out for 198 – 131 runs behind. England began

England did not help them- overs and made sure the required 180 was reached. selves with several dropped slip ENGLAND A: First innings 329 for 5 dec (J J Whitaker 186, G P Thorpe 55). catches. Their over-rate was

Other problems included an injury to Afford, who retired with a swollen knee after falling

in the field, and another failure by Stephenson. He was caught down the leg side by Bryant, who took over the who took over wicketkeeping from James. James had earlier led the Zimbabwe resistance as be staked a late claim to be

included in their ICC Tropby side. He made a determined 78, which lasted more than four hours, and was missed off ultra-cautionsly, with only 16 batted correctly and calculy until Education out Education (52, w4, nb 23). he was seventh out.

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Extras (b 3, w 1, nb 1)

ZIMBABWE B: First linnings
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J P Brent not out

Zimbabwe were 23 for four when Brown was caught trying to square cut Martin Bickneil. Butchart struck the ball firmly, but everyone else had to be prised out on a benisn pitch.

He edged a waist-high catch to second slip from a ball from Watkin, which bounced higher than most, with 17 still wanted to save the follow-on. Breat exuded defiance through 29 to save the follow-on. Breat exuded defiance through 29 to save the follow-on.

Pienaar is replaced by de Villiers

Kent have signed Petrus against them for South Africa "Fanie" de Villiers, aged 23, a recently.

fast bowler from Northern De Villiers, who has signed a Transvaal, as a replacement for Roy Pienaar, his fellow-South African, who will not be return-ing to the county because of

one-year contract, will be competing for a place with Tony Merrick, Kent's other overseas

Kent appounced at their Christopher Cowdrey, the Kent captain, said that the unofficial England team rated de Villiers more highly than Allan Donald when he played

Kent announced at their AGM on Tuesday evening that the loss of £2,981 they incurred last year was largely attributable to increases of £65,175 in salaries, £22,524 in match expenses and £22,796 in administration.

The club has launched a £500,000 appeal to build a new cricket centre at Canterbury, which will be called the Ames-Levitt indoor school after two famous Kent wicketkeepers. A sum of £100,000 has been raised already and it is hoped it will be ready for use in the winter of 1992.

SNOW-REPORTS

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• Glamorgan are still expecting that Vivian Richards, the West Indies captain, will join them next month.

YACHTING

Steinlager cruising in control

By Barry Pickthall

After Peter Blake and his crew aboard the New Zealand maxi, Steinlager 2, reeled off another 245 miles yesterday, opening up a 23-mile advantage over the nearest opposition during the fifth stage of the Whitbread Round the World Race, their rivals were left guessing just what they can do to counter the superiority of the big red ketch.
Before the start, Blake said he would be sailing with extreme care to conserve the 28-hour lead built up over the fleet during the first four legs of this race. Yet here he is, setting a seemingly effortless pace once more leaving his nearest rivals, Grant Dalton's Fisher & Paykel. and Merit, skippered by Pierre Fehlmann, to scrap it out for second place.

Rubbing salt in their wounds, Blake said that they had not seen another yacht since last Sunday.

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Polytechnics' delight tempered team to meet Wales in the Students' Match at West Hartlepool on April 3 were on view but two of them. Shortland and Pepper, both from Leeds Poly-technic, made their presence

albeit without their own Welsb contingent, did much as they liked and the victory margin

Their latest crop of players includes Jackman, a Brad-

his studies in Plymouth. He scored 14 points with reliable goalkicking, together with a try from a short pass, after a scrum, by the purposeful Saverimutto.

Jackman scored the first of

the Polytechnics' three staccato

tries in the opening 14 minutes of the second half when they turned with the wind at their backs. The size of the Poly-technics' lead destroyed their

ambition and the UAU stirred

slipped up in their last game and Caterham eased into the knock-

points difference. Yesterday they improved with every

In the final, Caterham, clearly

the pacier team, drew first blood

lowed and Amaning converted.

the lanky Lee who deceived the

erator and going away for a

superb try.
Sevenoaks had the spirit to

score three good second-half tries through Hoad, Tubb and

Payton, but Caterham had put

the issue beyond doubt when

Maynard, who had gone on the

wing when Abban was injured in the semi-final, scored a fine try

and Amaning surprised himself by converting.
CATERHAM: T Maymard, D Edwards, J
Lee, C B Amaning: H Jayawoora, 11 Muller,
S Scott.

Caterham on top

via the back door

scarcely flattered them.

By Michael Austin

British Polytechnics 22

The British Polytechnics tem-pered delight in achieving their biggest win in the fixture's 15-

year history with the sobering knowledge that the Universities

Athletie Union (UAU) were sorely below strength at Morley

yesterday. First-choice Welsh players

were absent because of tomor-

were absent because of tomor-row's meeting with the Irish Universities and several auto-matic choices from Lough-borough, notably their front

row, were resting after a heavy schedule.

The knockout stages of the Rosslyn Park national schools sevens festival tournament

threw up a highly entertaining

but surprise winner when Caterham came through, it seemed from nowhere, to defeat

Sevenoaks in an entertaining

final, scoring two goals and two

Group stand-off half, went off with a suspected torn calf liga-

ment and must be counted

somewhat doubtful for En-

gland's first match on March 31.

This did not aid Epsom's prospects in surviving against a Sevenoaks team that came from behind to snatch a place in the

In the other, Abban, the

excellent Caterham wing was injured by a high tackle and taken to hospital for a precau-

tionary X-ray; his team did well to continue in command, accounting for Tonbridge, for whom Maddison played consis-

tently well, with surprising ease.
Caterham's presence during
yesterday's play was outcoverthy
in itself. Beaten by Douai in
their authorise groups they

their qualifying group, they were

reconciled to departure from the tournament, when Douzi, who had won all their matches,

tries to three tries.

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vigorously felt. Shortland deputized as captain for Moon, injured playing for Neath the previous evening, and limitless possession from his pack allowed Akin-

with two tries. The Polytechnics had begun

with Gregory missing two angled penalty attempts but Jackman, his successor as goalkicker, was soon bisecting the posts with metronomie timing and landed four kicks out of six.

is nearly complete

By Owen Jenkins

The Welsh Rugby Union's in-vestigation into the involve-ment of its players and committee men in last summer's South African Rugby Board centenary celebrations is coming to its close.

when their booker, running like a class wing, appreciated the The investigative committee of Vernon Pugh, Glyn Morgan, Two unfortunate injuries hint of an overlap and raced in could have affected the semi-from half way. Another try hy finals. Burke, the England 18 the impressive Edwards fol-John Evans and Des Barnett was set up to look into the points raised by David East, the former WRU secretary, on his through the exciting accelera-tion of their outstanding player, resignation. East was unhappy at the way in which players and administrators were invited and the union by-passed.

Clive Rowlands, the WRU opposition, not for the first time, into thinking he was in top gear before touching the accel-

president, also resigned over the affair but later withdrew his resignation. However, R. H. Williams, then junior vicepresident, Terry Vaux and Gwilym Treharne, both luternational Board representanves, were forced to resign. And the WRU severed its links with South Africa at a special general

meeting in October.
Denis Evans, the WRU secretary, said: "It's getting close to the end. The players have been interviewed and chatted to and there can't be more than one or two other people the committee needs to see. It should be over very soon; I would say a matter of weeks."

The committee, which started its investigations in January, will present its findings to Evans, who will then report to the union's general committee and any recommendations will be discussed and acted upon. Evans added: "I hope we will have clear lines of communication to confirm the proper way things are carried out." • The Welsh Rugby Union are

hoping to appoint neutral touch judges for league matches in the top divisions. If a shortage of referees prevents this happening next season, clubs can use their own linesmen as long as there is no hint of bias. • The England stand-off half,

Rob Andrew has been moved to the centre by Wasps for Sal-urday's home match with London Scottish because he will be unable to fill the No. 10 shirt in the league game at Bristol the following week, when he will be in action at the Hong Kong Sevens. The London club want to give his young stand-in. Guy Gregory, an extra outing at stand-off to prepare for the

Universities Athletic Union: J Reed-Deumer (Southampton): P Hopkins (Swansea), M Birt (Nottingham), A Jack-son (Nottingham), A Devies (Carolif); M Yendle (Swansea), R Liey (UniST): C Contes (Carolif), M Patton (Carolif), D Jones (Loughborough), P Thresher (Carolif), G Jones (Loughborough), P Thresher (Carolif), G Taylor (Loughborough), Captan), E Peters (Loughborough).

Additional ban rules Hall out of club tour

By David Hands Rugby Correspondent

The additional 30 days which Somerset's disciplinary com-mittee added on Tuesday to the 60-day ban already imposed on John Hall by Bath, his club, means that he will miss the club, tour to Australia in August, as well as the first week of the new

Hall, the former England flanker, who was sent off for the flanker, who was sent on for the second time in five months against Plymouth Albion, said he was "bitterly disappointed" at the additional suspension. "I at the additional suspension, "I felt 60 days would have been fair," he said after the bearing especially when you consider I have only been sent off twice in my whole career."
Indeed, Bath will be glad to
put this week behind them so

that players and club can conunat piayers and can con-centrate on Saturday's Pil-kington Cup semi-final against Moseley. Should they win, then Hall would not be available for the final on May 5. The chub's ban would have ended the previous week, but the extra ban has now ruled him out. Jeremy Guscott's demotion from the first XV has been another unsettling factor for the

cup bolders, though entirely of their own doing. Wisely, Guscott was holding his counsel Guscott was holding his counsely esterday against questions connecting him with rugby league; he has turned down several offers in the past 18 months — one from St Helens reportedly as high as £250,000 — and Geoff Suteliffe, the Lancashire club's secretary, said yesterday that the situation was unchanged. nchanged.
"When we met Jerry he made

it quite clear he wasn't in-terested in joining us." Sutcliffe said, "and so far as we are concerned the situation hasn't changed." That, of course, may

that Bath's already-strong squad is to be strengthened. Jim Fullon, the Richmond wing is expected to train at the Recreation Ground next week, and two more members of England's development squad Graham Childs and John Locke have been linked with them. Childs, the Northern centre,

is due to play in New Zealand during the summer and may join the drift south, while Locke

SA inquiry Northampton are tilting for glory

By David Hands

Revolutions are supposed to come in two varieties: bloody or hloodless. Quite how Northampton members view theirs of two years ago may depend opon whether they were old or new guard, but it is safe to say that neither side, could have predicted that, in less than two years, "the Saints" would be tilting at the first division and playing, as they do on Saturday, in their first cup semi-final.

The priority of the new officers and committee installed after the 1988 annual meeting, which swept away their prede-cessors by 228 votes to 76, was clear: "We are all busy men, so we had to get someone in to run the club," Roger Horwood, the secretary, said. Hence the appointment of Barrie Corless as Northampton's first professional administrator, but his initial task was, in n sense, negative; it was to ensure that the club did not suffer relegation to the third division of the Courage Clubs Championship.

His success in that respect is evidenced by Northampton's standing today: they lead the second division with only an away match against Gosforth and a home match with Rugby to come, and have advanced to the semi-finals of the Pilkington Cup against Gloucester after leaving Leicester, rivals over the last 110 years and themselves renowned cup exponents, struggling in their wake.

That, though, is not all: the seven-man consortium which engineered Northampton's revolution appreciated that advances on and off the field go hand in hand. So the new committee has worked to improve facilities: they now claim the best floodlights in the coun-

permanent television box, while plans for the expansion of seated cope with the swelling membership are in hand. Recruitment, to which players at the club, notably, the loose-

try, a vastly-improved playing surface at Franklin's Gardens, a

head prop. Vasey Pocklington, responded with positive challenges for places, was a vital plank in Corless's new role. As an employee of the club, he was able to watch players, and carry out his duties as the public relations officer.

"The important thing now. whatever happens on Saturday, is to stabilize ourselves," Corless said. "If we get into the first division we want to be sure we stay up, like Saracens and Rosslyn Park, not go back down after a season like Liverpool St Helens or as Bedford seem likely to do. That means strengthening the squad. The first-team pool of players is not big enough to cope with injuries."

 David Woodrow will miss Northampton's semi-final at home to Gloucester on Sat-urday. The former Oxford University centre had an arthroscopy on Tuesday, so Peter Moss plays in the centre. Pocklington will undergo a fit-Pockington will undergo a in-ness test tonight. NORTHAMPTON: I Hunter, F Packman, P Moss, J Thame, B Ward, J Steele, D Elidrigton; V Pockington or N Fox, D Frankland, G Pearce, P Pask, C Hall, N Dyte, P Alston, T Rodber.

• London Scottish, who will be promoted to the second division of the Courage Clubs Championship next season, will prepare with a six-match tour of Namibia in August. They will be based in Windhock, and will play the Namibian national

Romanian visit agreed

The British Police have been invited to visit Romania in May, partly as an expression of support and sympathy for those who died in the recent revoluwho died in the recent revolu-tion, and partly to play two games. These will be against a regional team in Constanta, and the national XV in Bucharest on May 13 (David Hands writes). May 13 (David Hands writes).

The Police, whose next game is their annual meeting with the Combined Services at Imber Court on April 11, hope to be

international players — there were three policemen in the England squad for the match against Scotland — but that depends on availability, given that they have had such short notice. The tour organizers are also hopeful of obtaining sponsorship, both to support the cost of the trip and to enable them to distribute medical supplies and sports equipment dur-

GOLF

Brown back on a tricksy course with new irons Aware that they did not con-

From Mel Webb Florence -

that a competition for n cup tained by the winner if he won

the competition twice. Nobody quite knows what year. happened to the noble lady's hump of silverware. Not that it matters, particularly, because Vijay Singh, for one, is probably more interested in the £33,330 that awaits the winner of this

TOWNS OF THE CONTROL OF THE STATE OF THE STA

Nobody, either, thought to ask the Fijian yesterday what he knew about Princess Sophie or But that does not mean that, The notice giving details of the spring meeting of Florence Golf more interested in knowing Club in 1908 told the members what he thought of the tricksy little course upon which he was presented by one Princess about to unleash his consid-Sophie Strozzi would be re-erable power, which helped him vear at Is Molas, in Sardinia, last

> Singh was, truth to tell, a little disappointed. "It's no course for the longer hitter," he said. "Everything is a driver and a little flick."

year's Volvo Open title, the defence of which he starts on the Ugolino course near here today.

He is right, too. Just over season, not the least reason for season, not the least reason for season, not the least reason for which is the fact that be has had a spot of bother with his clubs.

The European professional is

even with a generous par of 72, it is without its problems. It is built on rolling hills high above the city, and many are the second shots which will have to be tackled with feet well above

or below the ball. All of which will be remembered well by Ken Brown, who, the last time a tournament was

held here, was beaten by Bernhard Langer in a play-off for the Italian Open title in 1983. Brown has had what he describes as a "disappointing"

form to the new rules governing square grooves, he had them worked on before the European Tour season started by Jim Fleet, a member of his club at Harpenden.
Trouble was, although the 0.004in that the skilful Fleet

shaved off the clubs made them legal, it also added more loft. But now the former Ryder Cup player has a new set of irons, which, having been regripped, he pronounces 'just right''. He further predicts that he could finish in the top three here. Even if he wins, the country over Princers Sorthic

almost an endangered species in non-major events in American golf now that Sandy Lyle is the only representative of the Old World who is still a full and active member of the US Tour (John Ballantine writes from Orlando, Florida). Even he is doing badly at present.

So the sight of not only Lyle but of seven members of that band of brothers" who saw the Americans off for the third time running in the Ryder Cup at The Belfry last September playing in the Nestlé invitational tournament starting here today will gladden the hearts of the host, Arnold Palmer, and others. The infusion of new blood can only be good for this tour.

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to part company with their Billy Ayre resigned.

shire club shortly after the home defeat by Lincoln City on Tuesday - Halifax's fifth consecutive League defeat.

After the game, a section of the 1,423 crowd staged a demonstration, demanding changes at both managerial and boardroom level. But Jim Brown, the Halifax chairman, was adamant that the impromptu protest had not influenced Ayre's decision to seek the immediate cancellation of his contract.

erated on by both parties for acumen. some considerable time, and

Halifax Town, of the fourth division, yesterday became the 27th Football League club to part company with their manager this season when Billy Ayre resigned.

"I was particularly upset by this club and, as far as I am concerned, he performed mirracles in keeping Halifax going."

Although the appointment of a manager is thought to be improved that Ayre took the decision to what they did had absolutely ever his ties with the York- no bearing at all on the

> player, was appointed manager at The Shay in December 1986, in succession to Mick Jones, who yesterday left

terday. Brown paid tribute to on of his contract. him, praising him for his "The decision was delib- considerable business

Stevens completes Hearts and **Portsmouth move**

Gary Stevens will today com- third division, joined North-Portsmontb. Totleaham
Hotspur's former England defender, who is on a third month

Totleaham
Cermany, initially playing with on loan with the second division club, was set to make the move

The trouble was that Portsmouth could not get him insured because of the legacy of a back operation two years ago. The problem has since been sorted out and the deal can go ahead. Stevens, aged 27, said: "Spurs had no trouble in getting me insured so I could not understand what the fuss was about. I injured my knee badly 16 months ago but that is fully 16 months ago but that is fully healed and I have never had any trouble with my back since the

Stevens, capped six times by England for whom he appeared in the 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico, had a back fusion operation similar to that carried was a complete success. I have had a job coovincing people I oo longer bave an injury problem. The move to Pompey should and relaunch my career."

Another former Tottenham player. Joho Chiedozie, was also on the move yesterday. Chester-field have signed the Nigerian forward from his original club, Notes County, to reinforce their fourth division promotion who has recovered from a knee injury, has been signed until the deal - the same money Southend of the season with a view to making the move permanent during the summer.

Northampton Town midfield player. Dean Thomas, for £175,000. Thomas who is player. Dean Thomas, for Barry reserve goalkeeper, Aidan Davison, until the end of the garded by the County manager, Neil Warnock, as the best left-sided midfield player in the with Leyton Orient.

decision. Ayre, a former Halifax

Blackpool to take up the post County, of the third division. Ayre was appointed manag-ing director of Halifax 13 months ago, a position which

"I have great respect for we felt it was in the best him both as a manager and as season. The situation will be interests of the club," Brown a person." be said. "He reviewed in May and not said.

worked exceptionally hard for before."

It is the second six-figure signing County have made in

week they spent £150,000 on the West Bromwich Albioo for-ward, Kevin Bartlett.

On Saturday, Thomas may well face lain Ferguson, the

former Scotland and Rangers'

forward who has agreed to an extended loan with County's opponents. Bristol City, from Heart of Midlothian with a view

Leeds United have signed Alessandro Nista, aged 25, a former Italian under-21 inter-

not yet received an answer to

Les Sealey, Luten Town's transfer-listed goalkeeper, is joining Manchester United on loan as cover for Jim Leighton

until the end of the season. He had a month's loan at Old

Trafford at the end of last year.

Southend United in a £25,000

end paid Chester in November 1988 for the big forward.

Chester also solved their

Rangers reprieved

imminent, Gerry Brook, the

youth-team coach, is expected to be placed in charge of first-

team affairs until after the bome game against Chester-field on Saturday.

· Would-be Watford managers need not bother applying

until May, the second division

following the sacking of Steve Harrison on Tuesday. "We will not be advertising the post

nor will we be approaching

other clubs or any individ-uals," Eddie Plumley, the

Watford secretary, said.
"Colin Lee has been ap

pointed caretaker team man

ager until the end of the

Rangers and Heart of Midlolegedincident at Tynecastle was

Pherson, and Graeme Sourcess, the manager of Rangers, were reported to have clashed in the ayers' tunnel after Rangers' 2-I victory on December 2. The incident has been probed

by the SFA, but the referee and disciplinary committee says it has decided with "the greatest reluctance" to simply note the matter as its investigations failed to turn up conclusive proof of a fracas.

A spokesman for the SFA saidyesterday that information national goalkeeper, from Pisa, until the end of the season. They have given Nista a contract but are able only to include him in friendly fixtures at this stage.

The Leeds secretary, David Dowse, said that Leeds were seeking clearence from the Ital. requested from Souness and McPherson had not been forthcoming, and that as a result the committee was no further for-

seeking clearance from the Ital-ian FA to include Nista in competitive matches but had He added that the committee had expressed concern about the lack of co-operation from the would be no useful purpose in demanding personal appearances from the central figures in

Meanwhile, the SFA is cootinuing its investigations into another incident involving Souness during another game against Hearts, at Ibrox on

Television clearly showed the Rangers manager shouting to his players from the tunnel, despite a touchline ban which includes that particular area of the ground.

The SFA is "concerned" at

the breach of the ban, and has asked the club to ensure the punishment is observed properly. It also intends to take another look at the matter

All going wrong for Wright

lan Wright, the Crystal Palace and England B forward, is likely to miss the remainder of the season after breaking his left leg 19 minutes from the end of the 1-1 draw against Derhy County at Selhurst Park on Tuesday. Wright, aged 26, was making his fifth appearance after a six-week absence with a cracked shin.

"lan was kicked on the same "lan was kicked on the same spot on the same leg." Steve Coppell, the Palace manager, said. Four minutes after Wright's exit. Gray headed Palace ahead only for Mark Wright to equalize for Derby. While Wright went to Harley Street vesterday for further examination. Coppell intensified his search for replacements for his struggling side, already beset by a series of injuries and due to a series of injuries and due to face Liverpool in the FA Cup semi-finals on April & Liverpool's championship ri-

vais. Aston Villa, could also only draw I-I, at Queen's Park Rangers on Tuesday night. Yet in the event. Villa were happy to settle for a point. Nielsen settle for a point. Nielsen equalizing after Clarke put QPR ahead.

Leeds United proved far too good for Sunderland at Roker Park where a goal from Sterland proved decisive in a 1-0 win for the leaders, which stifled the hosts' own promotion push.

After cantering through much of the season. Swindon Town appear to be faltering as they enter the final furlong of the race for first division places. Sat-urday's surprising home defeat by Hull City was followed by a 1-0 setback at Ipswich Town on Tuesday night. a goal from Dozzell doing the damage.

Oldham Athletic had no such problems. An emphatic 4-0 home victory against Bourne-mouth indicates that their horizon embraces more than just the Littlewoods and FA Cups.

Wolverhampton Wanderers revived their hopes of becoming the first team to rise from the fourth to the first division in

Neil Sont hampton's promising young midfield player broke his leg during a reserve match. Maddison, aged 20, was carried off during his team's 3-1 win against Norwich City. Maddison had only recently returned to full fitness after a lengthy absence with knee trouble.

Tauziat were the first two into the women's semi-finals yes-terday. Wiesner, of Austria, beat the No. 4 seed, Manuela Maleeva, 2-6, 6-1, 6-2 to reach With the departure of Boris Becker, the No. 2 seed, and Brad Gilbert, the No. 4 seed, Agassi's

Sprinters at the ready Three clubs with several inter- Woodcock and Martin Harris;

national competitors in their squads could dominate the 1990

If the Andre Agassi revival

continues through the spring, Wimbledon could get a last-

minute request for a wild card

from the young American. Agassi's usual response to ques-tions about when he will play

Wimbledon again is to shrug

and mutter about having plenty of time". But, after

narsson to reach the fifth round of the Lipton International, Agassi said that he might yet try

to get in through the back gates

of the All England Club.
"If I'm feeling really strong, I

could go and play. But a lot depends on how I feel after the

French. I don't think I will come

to a decision until after the six-

week period for entry has ex-pired, so I'll have to ask for a

Agassi has not played at Wimbledon since 1987 when he

was beaten in the first round and there is no guarantee that he will

there is no guarantee that he will be granted a wild card even if he asks for one. Wild cards are usually reserved for players not able to qualify through their rankings — Pat Cash, for example — and the Wimbledon committee are not going to fall over themselves to welcome Agassi, pink and hisck shorts and all, back to the fold. "They probably won't grant

"They probably won't grant me one anyway." Agassi said.

wild card," he said.

Tim Jones and Guy Bulpitt lead the City of Birmingham squad. be joined by clubs from Sweden, France and The Netherlands in

Flying Frenchman: Fleurian on the way to beating Becker - and tearing up an airline ticket

Wimbledon may be a target

as Agassi continues revival

From Andrew Longmore, Tennis Correspondent, Key Biscayne

Becker's was the most surprising defeat, not because he has been

playing blisteringly good tenois this week, but because bis conqueror, Jean Fleurian, has spent most of his five-year career in the backwaters of the

game, showing little of the form which blew the world champion

I'm almost their equal now.

The accent was on the almost.

Fleurian has now had to change

his flight home twice, once because of rain, once because of

beating Becker.

Apart from Fleurian, ranked

No. 46 in the world, Bryan Shelton and Mark Kratzmann

are the most notable gate-crashers in the fourth round.

Both are qualifiers and Kratz-mann, who has enjoyed a resur-

gence in his singles career this

year, reaching the semi-finals in Philadelphia last month, saved

seven match points in his final qualifying match against Greg

van Emburgh.

Judith Wiesner sod Nathalie

half of the draw has opened up. her first important semi-final

out of the third round.

In a sport based on ego,
Fleurian showed a touching lack
of faith in his own capabilities.

Actual 18 to Cause sate the finite of the third round.

play that well, second because she is aged only 16. Herreman rose to brief prominence by beating Jennifer Capriati, but

Asked if he felt he had now she never had the win or use to repeat the dose against the marginally more experienced

while Tauziat, the No. 9 seed, beat the West German, Claudia

Porwik, in three tight sets. The French girl now meets Monica Seles, who is beginning to show a glimpse of last year's form. It is difficult to say her victory over Nathalia U. Say her victory over

Nathalie Herreman was vintage Seles, first because she did not

and powerful Seles.

RESULTS: Ment: Second round: J Yzege (Poru) bt G Cornell (Carl), 7-6, 4-8, 7-6. Third round: 5 Echery (Swe) bt A Mamedorf (sa.), 6-2, 6-1; A Volkov (USSR) bt R Heneberg (US), 6-3, 6-3, 6-5; M Jethe (Arg) bt C Vito Renisburg (SA), 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 11 Landi (Cz) bt M Filippid (Arg), 6-6, 6-2; C-J Steeb (WS) bt K Curren (US), 3-6, 6-3, 5-2, 3-8 heldon (US) bt X Tammog (US), 7-6, 6-2; Bhatten (US) bt J Tammog (US), 7-6, 6-3, 6-6-2; J Haustik (Switz) bt J Arese (Sp), 7-6, 6-3, 6-8-2 J Fleurian (Fr) bt a Becker (WS), 7-6, 6-1, 6-3; E Sanchez (Sp) bt H Skoff (Austria), 3-6, 5-3, 6-3; M Viraternam (Aus) bt R Agency (Hatt), 7-8, 7-6, J Berger (US) bt G Viraternam (Sus) bt Skoff (Sp) bt a Galbert (US), 6-3, 6-4; J Courier (US) bt J Gunnerseon (Swe), 6-1, 6-3, Worner (Ec) bt Y Lyzeg, 7-6, 3-6, 7-6. Founds (US) bt J Gunnerseon (Swe), 6-1, 6-3, Worner (Third round: 8-100 (Arg) bt Y Whitinger (US), 7-6, 3-6, 7-6. Founds (US), 8-4, N Seles (Vog) bt R Pathonk (US), 6-3, 6-4; N Tauciett (Fr) bt J Halard (Fr), 6-4, 6-3, J Wesmer (Austria) bt J Novona (Cz), 7-6, 2-6-3; C Porwik (WS) bt B Fulco (Arg), 6-2, 6-3; C Saleston (Lrg) bt S Stoane (US), 6-1, 3-6, 6-2; C Martinez (Sp) bt G Magours (US), 4-6, 7-5, 6-4.

Four other British teams will

Oxford's attempt to challenge the Great Britain national squad Head of the River crew mistired yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes). Suddenly the Boat Race favourites looked very mediocre, with the national eight, starting at 45 to Oxford's 41, clearing them in 45 seconds and a length and a half ahead after the full minute. It was a sixminute race starting at Putney, and the squad crew steamed away to lead by some 3½ lengths at half-distance, rating 35 to hour earlier, dropped nearly a length in three minutes to their reserve crew, Goldie, in a row towards the end of the row, managed to close a little. To be beaten was in itself no disgrace. But for a crew tipped as red-hot favourites for next week's Boat Race, Oxford looked plodding and uninapired.

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That, however, should not affect the Boat Race odds because Cambridge, half an spir Cambridge 7.30m and 3.30pm.

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ICE HOCKEY

SNOCKER

SPORTS COUNCIL CONFERENCE

Fitness tests show pupils are not sufficiently active

British schoolchildren are not necessarily less fit than their predecessors, but are less active than they should be, a leading

physical process of the chair-man of the British Association of Sports Sciences, stressed the importance of children learning a health-related physical activity

that they enjoy.
Fitness tests on 400 children ference in standards from a similar study performed in the United States 50 years ago. Until recent years there was no suitable research done on the fitness of the average British child, and Dr Armstrong told a seminar at the Sports Council's Recreation Management Conference: "There is no scientific evidence that children are less fit than they used to be."

However, he did point out

However, he did point out that experiments had also shown that 76.7 per cent of the boys and 87.7 per cent of the girls failed to exercise the heart sufficiently for even a sustained 20 minutes a week. This in-cluded PE lessons at school.

It is recommended that for a minimum basic level of cardio-vascular fitness, an individual should exercise the heart—equivalent to brisk walking for at least 20 minutes—three times a week. He said that reenage cite had particular problems

a week. He said that teenage girls had particular problems getting sufficient exercise.

Dr Armstrong, a former England youth footballer, said that the place of team games had been over-emphasized in PErcent Property and arti-team

games were competitive and other sports were not. He pointed out that many individual ual sports, which stress self-reliance and self-discipline, were

oneself.

Cricket can be justified in PE terms but not, he said, in raising fitness levels, because the game clearly makes only a limited contribution to cardiovascular endurance.

Councils fear new law on tendering

Sports Council's conference.
Alun Liewellyn, of Leicester
City Council, and Hywel Griffiths, of Worthing Borough
Council, received widespread
support from fellow officers that
Compulsory Competitive Tendering (CCT) would lead to
indifference, restricted finance
and former new feelities when it and fewer new facilities, when it becomes law in April 1992.

on the millions of people who use facilities provided by local authorities. It is not privatization. The councils will continue to run their own sports centres, swimming pools, running tracks and playing fields. They will continue to subsidize activities particularly for schools, clubs and disadvantaged groups.

However, the councils will have to agree a subsidy with a private company, which then

Fears about the effects of new legislation on tendering were expressed yesterday by local government delegates at the Sports Council's conference. Alun Llewellyn, of Leicester City Council and Humal Criff. although there would have to be political and managerial will. Yet he warned: "An effective

service can be efficient but an efficient service is not necessar-ily effective in its object of providing sporting opportu-nities for all."

Professor Patmore thought that the biggest threat to local sports provision from CCT would be the possible loss of integrated leisure departments whose overview role could dispersor. He also thought that appear. He also thought that young recreation officers might be attracted to join the new private companies. He said that in the recent Inner City Report of the sports minister, to which Professor Patmore contributed, they saw plenty of facilities which were fully used, but some were not used to the maximum benefit of society.

SNOOKER

Canadian team spirit too much for Scotland

By Steve Acteson

final pink.

The formidable team spirit that has lifted Canada to four World debut for Canada, was more than a match for him after losing Team Cup finals, including victory in 1982, surfaced once again at the £150,000 British Car Having watched Chaperon draw 1-1 with Rae and Thorburn finish level with Mac-Rentals sponsored event in Bournemouth last night.

Their trio of, Cliff Thorburn, the former world champion, Bob Chaperon, the British Open champion, and Alain Robidoux, who played a superb anchor role, defeated Scotland 5-3 to reach the semi-finals and leave the Scottish captain, Stephen Hendry apologizing to his team mates, John Rea and Murdo Macleod.
Robidoux's performance in

beating Hendry 3-1 was the key. The young Scot had defeated Tony Meo in the Continental Airlines London Masters semifinals the previous night and did not reach Bournemouth until

Hendry was buoyed up by five individual titles this season, but Robidoux, who is making his

struggled badly today. I think I've let the other guys down and I need three or four days off."

the first of their frames on the

leod, Robidoux took his second frame against Hendry 67-3. In

the next match Robidoux opened it with a SI and then

took the second 72-32 after Hendry had missed his only real

hectic season because I'm not used to have such success but I

Hendry said: "It has been a

RESILITS: Granter-flusie: Cenada by Scotland 5-3. Individual results (Careda first): R Chaperon and J Ree chew, 1-1; C Thorburn and M Meclood drew, 1-1; A Sobidoux and S Hendry drew, 1-1; Robidoux by Hendry 2-0. TODAY'S CRIDER OF PLAY: Cuarter-flusie: (best of S frames) 2pm; Wales v Australia. 7pm; N Ireland v Rest of the World.

Oxford are made to look mediocre

SWIMMING

Unification move

Sydney (AP) — Jeff "Hit Man" Harding, the World Boxing Council light-heavyweight champion, intends to start a campaign to unify the light-heavyweight title now claimed by four boxers. Three Americans currently hold the other versions.

Matches played 17th March 1990 LITTLEWOODS POOLS, LIVERPOOL INCREDIBLE ALL TIME RECORD PAYOUT E.3.462,139 TREBLE CHANCE PAYING 6 DIVIDENDS 24 PTS £89,932-90 4 DRAWS.....£19-25 10 HOMES..... £58-25 23 PTS.....£908-65 221/2 PTS.....£190-15



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Champion Sprinter back in coma

Mark Goult, the Norfolk boxer. Mark Goult. the Noriolk boxer, was seriously ill in hospital last night after undergoing brain surgery soon after outpointing Danny Porter over 10 rounds and winning the Southern Area bantamweight championship at the Norwich Soort Village on the Norwich Sport Village on

First in

A £52 million golf complex on the banks of Loch Lomond in Scotland, designed by the former Open champion. Tom Weiskopf, has officially entered the running for the 1993 Ryder Cup. It is not due for completion until July next year.

Video proof

Oldham have protested to the Rugby League about an incident in Sunday's win over Runcom which left Keith Atkinson, forward, with a badly bruised jaw. Tony Barrow, coach, has sent a video film and said: "It was a blatant foul yet the player rusponsible was never even spoken to."

East Berlin (Reuter) - Heike Drechsler, long jump and sprint medal winner for East Germany at the Seoul Olympes, plans a

comeback after taking time off to have a baby and further her teaching studies. Scots fade

Wales beat Scotland 123-107 in the women's international inthe women's international in-door bowls series at Margate yesterday, leaving England, un-defeated, as the favourites to retain the championship. Scot-land, who play England today fell away against Wales nfter leading for over half the match,

Event saved

An avalanche has saved the final event of the World Cup ski jumping season at Planica. Yugoslavia. "A huge avalanche roared down the mountain and delivered more snow than we need." the organizer of next weekend's two-day contest, said.

Koloto plea

Emosi Koloto. Widnes forward. will make a personal appearance before the Rughy League disciplinary committee today to appeal against being sent off at

former club.

Blackhuru Rovers consolidated their position above both Wolves and Oldham with a 2-0 win against Portsmouth, but Stoke City look increasingly like spending next season in the third division, a 0-0 draw at Hnill City leaving them stuck firmly to the bottom of the second. Middlesbrough reduced their chances of meeting the same fate by winning 2-1 at Plymouth Argyle, who are in

Bristol City once again leapfrogged above Transere Rovers at the top of the third, thanks to a 5-0 win at Swansea City with three goals from Taylor.

Maddison.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

CHALLENGE WATCH: Manchester Sparture 32, Oragon All-Stars (US) 22 (at Hyde Ut) FC).

BASKETBALL

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SWIMMING

Speedo Fast Water meeting at Barnet. north London, this weekend (Craig Lord writes).

Madeleine Scarborough, a Commonwealth Games bronze medal winner, and Grant Robius hard the Posterment hand the common wealth term. ins head the Portsmouth team; Barnet hope to cheer the home crowd with Mark Foster, also a bronze medal winner in Auck-land. Kathy Read, Caroline

CRICKET

TOUR MATCH: Cumnor House Preparatory School 67-4 dec; Sydney Church of England Grammer School 80, Cumnor House won by 7

FOOTBALL

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Taylor's grounds for hope and hope for grounds

Lord Justice Taylor, whose From a position of insisting "When it comes to looking report on the Hillsborough that football be self-sufficient, at the history of football in 100 disaster led to the Govern- and attempting to impose a years' time, his report could ment's change of heart to- compulsory national memberwards football, yesterday ship scheme on the sport, single happening. By con-welcomed the £100 million Westminster has suddenly centrating on the positive side concession announced in the adopted a paternalistic apand suggesting that facilities budget this week.

and suggesting that facilities proach towards the national for spectators are improved,

"I am delighted," he said. "I sport. judge to make a special recommendation on tax, but in my report 1 urged the case for provide the Football Trust implement Lord with a lord special recommendation on tax, but in my report 1 urged the case for provide the Football Trust implement Lord with a lord special recommendation on tax, but in my report 1 urged the case for provide the Football Trust implement Lord with a lord special recommendation on tax, but in my report 1 urged the case for provide the Football Trust implement Lord with a lord special recommendation on tax, but in my report 1 urged the case for provide the Football Trust implement Lord with a lord special recommendation on tax, but in my report 1 urged the case for provide the Football Trust implement Lord with a lord special recommendation on tax, but in my report 1 urged the case for provide the Football Trust implement Lord with a lord special recommendation on tax, but in my report 1 urged the case for provide the Football Trust implement Lord with a lord special recommendation on tax, but in my report 1 urged the case for provide the Football Trust implement Lord with a lord special recommendation on tax, but in my report 1 urged the case for provide the Football Trust implement Lord with a lord special recommendation on tax and the lord special recommendation of the lor reducing the pools betting tax to 40 per cent. I am very glad that argument has prevailed. I did wonder, in fact, frankly, I was very doubtful if anything

would be done.
With £100 million put towards them. I hope the ground improvement recommendations in my report will not founder. If they do, it certainly should not be because of lack of funds."

Government's announcement brought to a successful conclusion two months of lobbying by the football authorities. Arthur Sandford, the chief executive of the League, met John Major, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, two weeks ago to pave the way for the Budget concessions. Yesterday be said: "Every penny will be made to count."

The Chancellor's decision

Sandford said that his meet- you do well. ing with the Chancellor had played "a very small part" in securing the concessions for football but he acknowledged that the Taylor report had been a leading influence on the Government's decision.

"After writing to Mr Major, David Waddington, the Home Secretary, and Christopher Patten, the Minister for the Environment, asking for financial help at the beginning of March, I had a brief meeting with Mr Major but my voice was just one of many from within football," he said. What Lord Justice Taylor has done is of far greater positively."

A final ultimatum issued by Clough

By a Special Correspondent

The Nottingham Forest play- the Cup final he can forget it. I ers were yesterday served don't believe it works that way advance notice from their and I wouldn't want it to. You manager, Brian Clough, that can't turn form off and on like unless they perform to their peak beforehand they will risk what they can do, right now. losing their Wembley places.

Clough issued his stern ultimatum after a run of only one win in the last four League games. His fear is that they could become the season's ultimate scalp, to be claimed by Oldham in the Littlewoods Cup final, and without the excuse of the Boundary Park claim as many of them as

Wembley, they can think Discussions on the owagain," Clough said. "The only person certain of board- Wanderers took place yesing the coach for the terday when Jack Hayward, Littlewoods Cup final is Al- the club president, flew in to bert Kershaw, and he'll be meet the present owner, Tony

can survive that long I'll be complete a £2 million takegoing, too. But, at the moment, there are 13 places on the team sheet up for grabs. No one is sure of a place.

"If anyone thinks they can superstore project adjacent to hold something in reserve for the ground.

that. They all have to show me

"Going to Wembley has not entered my mind since we beat Coventry in the semifinal. I will not tolerate it being in the minds of the players, not for one second.

"There are plenty of League points to be contested in the coming weeks and we want to possible for a high finish. The "If anyone thinks they have sooner we get our act together

nership of Wolverhampton Gallagher. Hayward and his "He's definitely going. If I son Jonathan are ready to over to safeguard the future of Molineux. Gallagher's building company is ready to sell on the completion of their

well prove the most significant be reversed a regressive approach towards the problem

"Now our challenge is to implement Lord Justice Taywith about £100 million over lor's recommendations prop-five years, helping clubs meet erly and see that the things one of the main recommenda-tions of Lord Taylor that are things of quality. My stadiums should be all-seater.

> "I am very anxious that the money will not be wasted on temporary expedients which will just patch grounds up, only for the same problems to occur in 15 or 20 years. If new grounds are needed, this money should go towards their construction.

"I am determined that we will respond to the Budget by drawing up a total strategy requirements of the Taylor report. I asked the Government for help, they have given it, so it is now up to us to react

Sandford will advise the Government that there should be a presumption in favour of requests for planning per-mission involving football clubs. It would be crazy if now we have the money to improve and build new grounds, we are not given planning permission to do

The Budget provision was also welcomed by Bill Fox, the League president. "We re-cently called for a spirit of cooperation between the Government and the national game," he said. "I am most encouraged that this latest move demonstrates a willingness on the part of the Government to respond along

Stuart Webb, the managing director of Derby County, urged that the money clubs received from television should be added to the £100 million gained from the Budget, increasing the total by another £50 million over five

Football receives £6.5 million a year in fixture fees received from the Pools Promoters Association, and a further £10 million a year via the Football Trust, which receives 21 per cent of the turnover from the spot-theball competitions run by Littlewoods, Zetters and Vernons.



A goalkeeping legend

legendary Soviet goalkeeper who died yesterday of stom-ach cancer. Yashin, who was regarded as the greatest goalkeeper of all time, was 60.

In a career that spanned from 1952-72, Yashin, who played for Moscow Dynamo, won 78 international caps, played in three World Cup finals and in 1963 became the only goalkeeper to be named European Footballer of the Year. He had been unwell for some years and had a leg amputated six years ago

because of a thrombosis. The former England captain, Billy Wright, whose rivalry with Yashin dates to the 1950s, added: "It's a sad loss. Characters like Lev don't grow on trees." Wright met the giant Russian again earlier this year, when the former

Footballing contemporaries of Wolves centre half appeared chance of appearing in its first Lev Yashin paid tribute to the on the television programme, World Cup final, in 1966. In This Is Your Life

> "He was the final guest and there was a very warm feeling when I saw him again. It was an emotional occasion," Wright said. "Though he was obviously not very well he still had his sense of humour and he had learned one sentence of

"I think he was the greatest Continental goalkeeper of all time," the former Arsenal and Scotland goalkeeper, Bob Wilson, said. Wilson, who recently wrote about Yashin in a book on goalkeeping, said: "He is a legend. His name will live on for evermore. People would not expect Lev Yashin to be capable of making a

mistake. One of his few mistakes that Yashin did make probably, cost the Soviet Union the

the semi-final he misjudged a shot from Franz Beckenbauer, now the West German coach. who described Yashin yesterday "as a true legend whom children should immitate."

Former team-mates, opponents and modern-day goalkeepers all paid tribute to the man, who was also known as the Black Spider because of the manner in which he protected his goal as if it were

giant web. Born on October 12, 1929. Yashin was an ice hockey goalkeeper with Dynamo Moscow at the age of 16, taking to football only when

the Dynamo Moscow football team lost its goalkeeper, Alexei Khomich to injury a year later. Yashin became the full-time replacement in 1953.

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Italians worry over delays to World Cup

he was worried that preparations for the tournament handle hundreds of flight might not be ready for the carrying players and fans der. June start and that strikes ing the compelition. could disrupt the competition.

Italia 90, the local organizing committee. said in a radio interview he was also worried by security problems, a reference to fears of violence hy hooligans, especially from Britain and The Netherlands. He said many people had failed to live up to their undertakings over the com-petition. "An event of this kind gives a picture of the country we face everyday the efficiency of our services,

inertia. A policy of postpone-ment is predominant but this event cannot be postponed." He said a strike among transport, hotel or tourist workers during the monthlong World Cup, starting on June 8, would be a disaster for the image of Italy and also for the international image of

Italian labour". Trades unions have revoked a promise of a strike moratorium during the World Cup because of construction accidents that have killed 16

Montezemolo said there were delays to Naples stadium and that preparations at miles north of New York. The Rome's Olympic arena, where mayor of New Haven, John the final will be held on July 8. were "hanging by a thread".

"A cause of considerable concern is the danger that the stadiums will not be finished in time to carry out a series of the Little Apple," Daniels

Rome (Reuter) - The Italian
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• New York City and New Haven in Connecticut have Montezemolo, the head of formed an alliance to try to host part of the 1994 World Cup. The mayors of both cities said that as many as 250,000 visitors could attend the games and New York City would reap significant benefit because New Haven could not handle all the supporters.

For the first time in its 64. year history, the World Cup will be held in the United States in 1094 and there is stiff bureaucracy, long procedures, competition for the privilege of hosting the event.

"In America, hundreds of thousands of children now participate in organized leagues," Mayor David Din-kins said. "Millions have learned to enjoy the sport by playing it.

"Millions more from New York. New Haven and other cities in our region grew up in nations where soccer is the national pastime. It is time to bring this audience a chance to see soccer at ils finest."

New Haven, the home of the Yale Bowl stadium, is 79 Daniels, said the Bowl has a great deal to offer the World Cup including more than 70,000 seats. "New York is the Big Apple and New Haven is

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Wembley win not a Brazil priority

Rio de Janeiro (Reuter) -Sebastiao Lazaroni, the Brazil football coach, announced a virtually full-strength squad of a strong team who will have 18 for the World Cup warm- enormous support. This is up match against England on March 28. Only Romario, the PSV Eindhoven forward, was facing after June 10." missing. He broke his leg early in March and could be out of 14 games, have not conceded a action for 12 weeks.

Branco, the full back, a previous doubt because it was finals, they have scored away whose presence had been un- rest play in Europe. certain because of injury.

Lazaroni said victory against England at Wembley was not a priority. "This match is training for us. a chance to carry on our work." be said. "I take friendlies lightly. The important thing for me is the official com-

petition, which for Brazil begins on June 10.

"We will be playing against extremly important because we know what we will be

Brazil, unbeaten in their last goal in their last five.Since qualifying for the World Cup not sure whether his club, FC wins against Italy and The Porto, would release him, was Netherlands Seven of the included along with Mozer, squad are Brazil-based; the

> BRAZIL SQUAD: Goalkeepers: Taffarei (Infamaconal). Acaco (Vasco). Defend-ers: Aldair (Benfica). Ricardo (Benfica). Mauro Galvao (Botatogo). Mozer Parico Mauro Galvao (Botatogo), Mozer Olympique), Mazmino (Vasco), Brenco IPorto), Filcardo Floche (Sao Peulo), Midfield playeva: Bismarck (Vasco), Dunga (Forentina), Jorginho (Bayer Leverkusen), Alemao (Napoli), Sies (Sporting Lisbon), Valdo (Benfica), Ferwardz: Bebero (Vasco), Multer (Forino), Careca (Napoli),

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beginning of April.



New lease of life for Waites followed him in for a half with summer, to decide his future, opened to me to start a new

Golf Correspondent

Brian Waites, who will next month attempt to resurrect his career by overcoming Jack Nicklaus and Lee Trevino, yesterday edged eloser to winning the Sunningdale golf foursomes when, with Janet Collingham, he moved into the last 16.

Waites and Collingham, the former British match-play champion, proved a formidable partnership, both in the morning when they beat Michael Brosnan and Richard Simmons 2 and 1 and later when winning 3 and 2 against Denis Pugh and Mickey

On an overcast day the only gloomy feature of their game was their putting. Against Pugh and Walker they contrived to take three putts at the fifth, 10th and 12th and yet they were still only one over par when the match ended on the 16th.

There were also some

a delightful ehip from 19 yards. Pugh and Walker, hnwever, could not parry Collingham's thrust at the 16th where she struck a wonderful fairway wood to within a few feet of the hole.

These are exciting times for Waites. He could have been fingiven if in 1983 he had considered he had reached a pinnacle when he won a place in the European team for the Ryder Cup. Instead the letter which he received on March 1 his fiftieth birthday - earlier this month has stirred his competitive instincts.

Waites has been invited to enmpete with Nicklaus, Trevino and company in the US Senior Tour PGA Championship at PGA National. Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, from April 12 tn 15. "I eouldn't put pen to paper fast enough to get the \$100 entrance fee in the post," Waites

The nutcome is that Waites extroadinary exchanges like will use this tournament as an that at the short 13th where acid test, along with the THF Waites holed from 20 yards PGA Seniors and the Volvo He has been the eluh professional at Hollinwell since 1969 and he would need to sever his links with them to embark on a full-time career on the US Seniors Tour.

"I've known for the last couple of years that I'm no longer good enough to compete with the 25-year-olds on the European Tour," Waites said. "But I'm fit, I'm nn shorter off the tee than I was 10 years ago and I feel that I'm still a good striker, if not quite as sharp as I was.

"Boh Charles was struggling as he approached 50 to qualify in Europe, but he has been cleaning-up on the US Tour. Doug Sanders and Frank Beard are still doing well out there and I should be able to eat them. Nicklaus and Trevinn? They obviously have better records, but I have no fears about taking them on.

"What I have to do is throw the balls up in the air and make the most difficult chnice of my life. I still thoroughly enjoy serving the members at Hollinwell. But 1'm very with his putter and Pugh Seniors British Open this fortunate that a door has been

career; I will need to commit myself fully.

Waites will hope to receive other invitations to events on the US Seniors Tour For the moment he is ready

to concentrate nn winning the Sunningdal foursomes with Collingham, although they have a difficult task this morning against Lee Mucklow, assistant at Sunningdale, and Mark Helen Dobson, the British

and English champinn, and Alison Johns progressed as did Diane Barnard and Nigel Blenkarne, who were only two over par fir the 31 holes they played during the day. Dale Reid and Corinne Dibnah also moved through following a 7 and 6 win over Bernard Hunt, the former Ryder Cup captain, and Derwynn Honan, Some years ago Hunt attempted to avoid revealing that he had been struck by lightning during a tournament. This time he was more forthright, "They rather smashed us," Hunt said

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Women get their own 'Ryder Cup'

Europe will meet for a Ryder Cup-style match in Florida in November, it was disclosed here yesterday. The announcement adds an extra dimension to the season for both the

fessional game. Full details have yet to be confirmed but, at a meeting prior to the Turquoise Clasc, which starts at Moon Valley in Phoenix today, the players were told that the venue would be Lake Nona in Florida, hase of David Leadbetter, Nick Faldo's coach. The date is the week of November 12, the week before the men's World Cup at Grand Cypress. The Karsten Manufacturing Corporation, more familiarly known as Ping is to be the only sponsor.
"It's the best news we've

had all year," Laura Davies, the former US and British

The women professional golf- Open champion, said. She has ers of the United States and been a great supporter of team golf since her days in the Surrey county side. Nancy Lopez, who repre-

sented her country in the Curtis Cup in 1976, was just as enthusiasuc. "I'm thrilled." Americans and the Europeans she said. "It's about time and I and reflects the growing can't wait for it to happen."
strength of the women's pro-

have an annual match against the Japanese hut it is not matchplay and a team competition against the Europeans is bound to stoke their competitive fires. Like Lopez. both Beth Daniel, the leading money-winner this season. and Patty Sheehan, second on the list, played in the Curtis Cup and will be keen to maintain their positions to clinch places on the team.

Joe Flanagan, the executive director of the Women's Professional Golfers' European Tour, said yesterday that the format of the match was still under discussion and that the name had yet to be decided.

By David Powell Athletics Correspondent

First the Kenyan who sold his you two minibuses to get to goat to get to the Commonwealth Games; now the Ethiopians lured to the ADT London Marathon by two minibuses and a fax machine. A team of Ethiopians is bound for London on April 22, including the holder of the world's fastest time, Belayneh

Densimo. In announcing the field yesterday, Chris Brasher, the race director, said that a threeyear deal had been struck with minutes, \$52,195 for winning, the Ethiopian federation. \$15,000 for leading the win-

best runners and we'll give training in the hills of Ethiopia and a fax machine so that we can communicate with you," the race organizers promised.

A minibus could be handy for Densimo to take home his earnings. Should he improve his best by 51 seconds, his payday could approach \$300,000 exclusive of minibuses and fax machine. That would include \$172,500 for sub two hours six

"You give us some of your ning team and his start not tapped the course's A pacemaker will be pro-

vided. Brasher would not disclose who, but Nick Rose is in the field and, following his 65-minute half-marathon at hilly Hastings, who better? "The pacemaker will be there to do 62 minutes 30 seconds for the first half," Brasher said. London has yet to produce an exceptionally fast time by a man, but Ingrid Kristiansen's women's world best of 2:21:06, set in 1985, suggests the men have simply

potential. The support field is dis-

appointing and, with Yakov Tolstikov, of the Soviet Union, the next best, and two and a half minutes slower, Steve Jones's course record of 2:08.16, for a \$10,000 bonus, might be a more sensible target for Densimo. The most appealing of the remaining entries are the Britons, Kevin Forster and Paul Davies-Hale, and Vladimir Kotov, of the Soviet Union. Brasher must hope that Douglas Wakiihuri, last year's winner who had

agreed to return if fit, recovers from injury. "It's looking increasingly unlikely, Brasher said.

It was in Rotterdam two years ago that Densimo stole Brasher's thunder by running his world best on London marathon day. Only Densimo himself, and perhaps Daviesfrom one-upmanship again. On the same day once more, they have Abebe Mekkonen, Hiromi Taniguchi and Ahmed

2:07:40 or better in the past two years.

The women's London race is missing its customary big. names, such as Kristiansen or Grete Waitz. Neither they nor Rosa Mota or Lisa Martin are available for the spring marathons. The good to come out of bad is the promise of a close Hale, can prevent Rotterdam race. the best of an unspectacularbunch appear ing to be Wanda Panfil, of Poland, Zhan Youfeng, of China, and Lisa Weidenbach. Saleh, who have all run of the United States.